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US fears Suez-like rift with allies on Bosnia



Biden: anger over "hypocrisy and bigotry"

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON IN LONDON

■ *Europe's implacable resistance to President Clinton's plan for arming the Muslims of Bosnia could carry in its wake a long-term influence on his perception of the world*

THE Clinton administration appeared to be on the brink of abandoning plans for military intervention in Bosnia last night as Washington erupted in bitter recrimination against its allies.

The strains in the Atlantic alliance over how to tackle the Balkan conflict flared into the open as a leading Democratic senator accused the Europeans of indifference, bigotry and hypocrisy. One senior official drew parallels with the 1956 Suez crisis — the biggest and most bitter post-war rift between America, Britain and France — and a Nato diplomat said that those who predicted a serious split in the alliance "may have their worst fears come true".

In Britain, government officials denied any breakdown in the relationship with America, but admitted a growing rift in public opinion, and one said: "Lord Owen was correct in saying there was a public perception in Europe that the Americans are cowboys, and in America that the Europeans are wimps." Officials are particularly concerned that public finger-pointing could sour the atmosphere and lead to American isolationism, and Douglas Hurd emphasised last night the importance of avoiding a transatlantic shouting match. "Just because there are some differences about the right way beyond what we are already doing together is not a reason for shouting from one side of the Atlantic to the other. We don't intend to do that."

For President Clinton, however, Europe's implacable opposition to arming the Bosnian Muslims represents a major political setback that may shape his international perspective for the rest of his presidency. He took office with no foreign policy experience and has been rebuffed by the allies in the first real test of his global leadership.

Diplomats said yesterday that it was clear that Washington had all but accepted the allies would not be persuaded to arm the Muslims. "Warren Christopher (the Secretary of State) has stopped talking about lifting the arms embargo," one diplomat said. "We had a very clear signal that the Americans will not push this any more."

American plans for military action had already been put on hold pending this weekend's Bosnian Serb referendum on the Vance-Owen peace plan, but there were further signs of retreat yesterday when the White House confirmed reports that it was considering sending ground troops to Macedonia as part of a multinational peacekeeping force. This represents an important policy switch that suggests the American emphasis is moving from curtailing to containing the conflict.

Mr Clinton nevertheless continued to attack the arms embargo when he spoke in Illinois yesterday. He said the practical impact of the ban was to give the entire weaponry of the Yugoslav army to the Serbian Bosnians: "So the global community has — not on purpose but inadvertently — had a huge impact on the outcome of that war in ways that have been very bad."

Tensions within the Atlantic alliance over the Bosnian bloodshed have been growing all week, with American officials privately accusing the allies of seeking excuses for inaction, of secretly hoping the Serbs would win and get it over with. The call by the EC on Monday for the US to send ground troops to protect "safe havens" was for some the final straw. "After they held our coats in Kuwait and Somalia, they are asking us to put a few thousand troops on the ground in order to have the right to speak," Senator Joseph Biden said yesterday. "I think this is outrageous."

Mr Biden had used Mr Christopher's appearance at the Senate foreign affairs committee to express his anger at the European leaders' refusal to endorse America's call for military intervention. "What you've encountered, it seems to me, was a discouraging mosaic of indifference, timidity, self-delusion and hypocrisy," he said. "European policy is based on cultural and religious indifference, if not bigotry, and I think it's fair to say this would be an entirely different situation if the Muslims were doing what the Serbs have done."

British sources called the American charges a travesty, insisting that in rejecting the US plan, the Europeans had put forward a serious and credible alternative, which also involved military action. "The fact is they are not ready. We also have not got there yet."

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Patten retreat fails to avert testing threat

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Patten yesterday bowed to a chorus of political and professional criticism by announcing a drastic streamlining of next year's school tests.

The education secretary told MPs that the 1994 tests for seven and fourteen-year-olds would be restricted to English, mathematics and science.

In a climbdown aimed at answering teachers' protests about the workload generated by the present testing regime, Mr Patten told the Commons that teachers would no longer be required to carry out their own assessments of pupils in a range of subjects. External examiners may be called in.

Although he announced changes from next year, Mr Patten made plain that he intended to press ahead with this year's tests for more than one million children despite the threatened boycott by three teaching unions. However, as *The Times* reported yesterday, ministers are attaching less importance to this year's tests, which they accept will be carried out patchily, at best. Ministers said any tests completed this summer would be "a bonus".

The teaching unions condemned Mr Patten's statement as "illogical and hollow" last night and the planned tests boycott appeared likely to go ahead. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said that Mr Patten had conceded the tests were flawed by changing them for next year, but he had left them untouched this year to save face.

Mr Patten's hastily arranged Commons statement came after he and departmental aides had expressed fury over yesterday's newspaper headlines suggesting that John Major was considering a rethink of the issue, which dogged the Conservatives in last week's shire county and Newbury elections.

The prime minister telephoned Mr Patten and later a cabinet committee meeting, chaired by Lord Wakeham, the Lords leader, was convened to approve the proposals for 1994, contained in a paper sent out by the education secretary last week. He had been annoyed by references in yesterday's reports to this year's tests becoming merely "consultative", which was one of the changes the unions had been urging the government to make.

When he entered the Commons yesterday Mr Major gave Mr Patten a pat on the shoulder and later declared that he stood "foursquare" with him. There was growing expectation among Tory MPs, however, that Mr Patten would be moved in a cabinet reshuffle in the summer because his authority had been weakened by his bruising and almost continuous battle with the education establishment. Even his supporters admitted yesterday that the government had slipped back two years in its efforts to persuade schools that regular testing was an essential part of their duties.

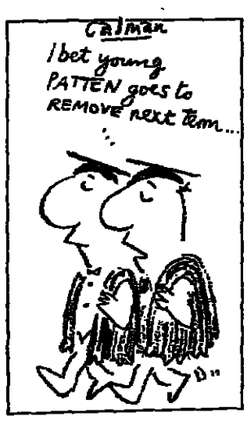
The uncertainty in Whitehall was compounded by Downing Street's initial insistence that it had played no part in reports that Mr Major was examining ways of downgrading the significance of this year's tests. Officials later abandoned that blanket denial.

Early yesterday many Tory MPs welcomed the signs that Mr Major was listening to the concerns of the public, and Mr Patten's spirit of compromise later drew support from his backbenchers.

The education secretary's aides said that to have abandoned this year's tests completely would have left high and dry those teachers who were prepared to defy their union leaders and conduct them.

Mr Patten told the Commons: "Abandoning the tests

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Look of defeat: the Queen realises her spectacles are forgotten and she cannot address the Commonwealth Institute. The Duke of Edinburgh took over



Royal rummage: hunt for elusive glasses

Oversight leaves Queen speechless

BY ALAN HAMILTON

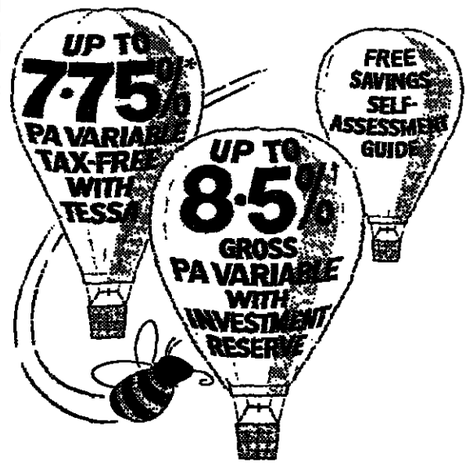
ENCROACHING years are no respecter of rank. The Queen, 67, yesterday found herself in a situation depressingly familiar to countless of her subjects of similar vintage: she forgot her glasses.

She arrived to launch centenary celebrations at the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington, west London, and to deliver an address extolling the virtues of the club that continues to hold the former British empire together. Onlookers noticed that she was rummaging with some concern in her black patent leather handbag.

The search for her spectacles proved fruitless. At the seemingly oblivious invitation of Richard Fyjis-Walker, chairman of the institute's governors, the Queen stepped up to the microphone. She looked palpably ill at ease. There was a brief pause. "I am going to ask my husband to read my speech for me," she said with aplomb.

The task of explaining Her Majesty's oversight fell to the Duke of Edinburgh. He then proceeded to rattle off seven pages of text with hardly a hesitation, as though the ploy had been planned all along.

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Snowblind climber trapped

BY NICHOLAS WATT

SNOW blindness and a hurricane left Britain's record-breaking climber Harry Taylor stranded 26,000ft up Everest last night as he tried to descend the mountain.

At the expedition's spartan fourth camp, Mr Taylor, 33, was forced last night to take oxygen to ward off altitude sickness after he became the first man to reach the summit from the Nepalese side without carrying oxygen. An expedition spokesman said: "It will not affect his record because he got up and down without oxygen. They are in a very dangerous position up there, but there is nothing they can do about it at the moment."

The former SAS soldier was forced to spend the night in a flimsy tent at the camp with his colleague John Barry after storms enveloped the mountain. Last night the expedition's organisers said they were worried about Mr Taylor. By this morning he will have spent four nights at dangerously high altitudes without oxygen, which could cause brain damage. Air at 26,000ft contains only a third of sea-level oxygen.

David Fuller, for the DHL expedition, said of the climber's ordeal: "It will be horrendous. The wind will just be ripping that tent to bits."

Mr Barry, a former Royal Marines mountaineering specialist, abandoned his attempt to guide Mr Taylor down the mountain when it became clear that his colleague's snow blindness would have slowed them and trapped them in the hurricane. It is likely that Mr Taylor's eyes will be bandaged to relieve some of the pain of snow blindness, which is caused by exposure to the powerful glare of the sun reflected off snow. The ultraviolet light burns the cornea and makes it swell. The painful condition normally subsides within 24 hours.

Rebecca Stephens, Mr Barry's fellow climber, who is aiming to become the first British woman to reach the summit, went on ahead down to the expedition's second camp, at 23,000ft. She has had to postpone her attempt on the peak until the weekend when the weather is forecast to improve.

An exhausted Mr Taylor, who has climbed Everest four times before, stumbled into the fourth camp on Monday night where Miss Stephens and Mr Barry were sheltering from violent winds. They nursed him for the night as he celebrated his record in a condition described as "physically and mentally drained".

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Barrow gets order for biggest navy vessel

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE government yesterday awarded Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering at Barrow-in Furness a contract worth about £170 million for a 20,000-tonne Royal Navy helicopter carrier. The decision will put the future of the industry on Tyneside under threat.

It was greeted with alarm by Labour MPs, who believe that thousands of jobs on Tyneside are now at risk. Swan Hunter employs 2,200 people, with thousands of others in the area relying on the shipyard in related businesses. The firm's order books are empty and the company admitted last night that "serious" ramifications are expected following the announcement by Jonathan Aitken, the minister for defence procurement.

Dr Roger Vaughan, Swan Hunter's joint chief executive, said in a statement: "As we have said throughout the campaign, the order being awarded to anyone other than Swan Hunter will have serious consequences. Swan Hunter put in a technically excellent, fully compliant bid which unfortunately was not accepted. We will make a fuller statement in due course."

Many Swan Hunter employees live in south Tyneside, where the unemployment level is already 29 per cent, the highest in Britain.

Vickers submitted a bid £50 million cheaper than the Swan Hunter tender. The work is scheduled to be completed in the late 1990s.

Nicholas Brown, the Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne East, said that giving

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A testing time in front of the class

Yesterday was John Patten's Big Test. It was a straightforward pencil-and-paper and reading-aloud job. The paper was placed on his desk (or "dispatch box") and Patten, his hair brushed up specially for the occasion and looking a little nervous, waited through the earlier classes to answer questions on it.

We rather had the impression that he had not wanted to read this paper, but that Daddy had said he must. Daddy sat with him for the ordeal, staying on after PM's questions, a comforting, grey-haired figure, patting young Patten on the shoulder. Mummy — whose idea these tests once were — was in the Lords. She has been banned from this school.

Patten was being tested on two abilities: reading and comprehension. Reading came first: he had to read the paper out loud, while the other children made rude noises and tried to interrupt. Looking down from the gallery we could see the paper was written entirely in block capitals. As teachers of remedial reading will confirm, capitals are harder than small letters to read. Patten seemed to think the capitals meant he was supposed to shout, and he shouted all three pages. Nevertheless, after a shaky start, and a stumble over "of course" (which he read as "of choice") Patten did quite well at Reading Aloud, and the civil servants (who mark this part of the test) gave their minister a B+.

The next task tested comprehension. To show whether he had understood it, Patten was required to have a big argument with a cross lady, about what he had just read. The cross lady was Ann Taylor, the Labour spokesman. Young Patten's task was made easier by the fact that Mrs Taylor had not decided what she was cross about. She should have chosen between being cross that the paper made no difference, cross that the difference was too small, or cross that the difference was shockingly large. Mrs Taylor decided to believe all three at once: the paper, she said, was obstinate, arrogant, and had learnt nothing from experience. Furthermore it was too little, too late. Also, it was a humiliating climbdown. Patten had little difficulty answering, achieving A—.

The next section was divided into two tasks: answering questions about the paper from friends in his own class, and answering questions from his enemies in the class opposite. Questions from his friends were by far the nastiest part.

The questions from enemies were easy: they were mostly insults and hardly needed answering — though one boy, a miner's son from Bolsover called Dennis, did say something very rude which made even Patten's friends giggle. Another A—.

It was Patten's junior classmates who provided the real challenge, for the truth is that some of them have become sceptical of his performance at tests. Most asked him things they knew he could answer, but a sub-prefect from Crosby, Malcolm Thornton, was slightly patronising; and a Tiverton girl called Angela Browning asked him if he didn't think the people writing his papers should be sacked. Daddy looked a bit concerned and Uncle Richard, the chief whip, stared into space. B?

We shall not know the result of Patten's test until July. It matters to him because he wants desperately to stay on with the big boys. The education secretary has announced that next year the tests are to be greatly simplified. Let us hope this does not come too late for young Patten.

'If next year's tests are so different, why are we bothering with them now?'


SIMON WALKER

Testing time: boys of Holloway School in north London study for the 14-year-old's test, which Mr Patten says will be streamlined next year

Derision greets Patten's action

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

THE government's eleventh-hour attempt to defuse the schools dispute — the most widespread industrial action in the public sector since the miners' strike — backfired last night.

The vital middle ground of head teachers, moderate union leaders, governors and parents branded the measures bizarre, irrational and inept.

The surprise statement yesterday by John Patten, the education secretary, appeared to have snuffed out the last chance of peace by insisting this summer's tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds should go ahead while next year's are streamlined.

The package provoked a volley of criticism. Support for measures to reduce teachers' workload was overshadowed by incomprehension at Mr Patten's failure to move on this summer's tests, which few schools are likely to take.

Others were bewildered at what they saw as a pre-empting of the review of the national curriculum and testing under Sir Ron Dearing by announcing conclusions three weeks after it was established.

John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary HeadsAssociation, said: "If anyone knows where they are after this, God help us." He highlighted apparent contradictions in the government's position: "If next year's tests at seven and 14 are to be so substantially different, then why are we bothering with them this year?

"Mr Patten has argued vigorously that this summer's results are vital to inform Sir Ron Dearing's review, so why has he announced the conclusions before Sir Ron's report is published?"

Margaret Morrissey, of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said the package had sealed its decision to go ahead with a ballot of parents in 10,000 member schools asking whether the tests should proceed. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the first union to boycott the tests, offered a crumb of comfort.

He welcomed the shake-up of future tests as a breakthrough and called for an urgent meeting of the six teacher unions.

"Mr Patten swallows the camel but strains at the gnat. Persisting with the present system this year will do nothing to allieviate the immediate workload problem for teachers," he said.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, whose members are expected to deliver the fatal blow to this term's tests when their boycott ballot is announced tomorrow, dismissed the announcement as irrelevant.

"This is the irrational response of a man adrift from reality flailing for a solution to save his political career. It avoids the fundamental issue of this year's tests," he said.

Walter Ulrich, of the National Association of Governors and Managers, said Mr Patten had missed the last opportunity for compromise.

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Minister retreats over test policy

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would leave conscientious teachers, concerned parents and the wider community in the dark about our schools." Postponing this year's tests would, he said, be "a betrayal of a further generation of pupils".

Ann Taylor, the shadow education secretary, told him: "Your obstinate and arrogant refusal to change this year's tests is incredible. You do not enjoy the confidence of parents, of teachers, of governors, even your own advisers — you should resign."

Mr Patten said that:

☐ Mandatory tests for seven and 14-year-olds would concentrate on English, mathematics and science, and on Welsh as a first language in Wales.

☐ Introduction of mandatory tests for 14-year-olds in history and geography, planned for 1994, would be postponed pending a review by Sir Ron Dearing, chairman-designate of the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

☐ From 1994, teachers of seven-year-olds would no longer have to make assessments of classroom work in technology, history and geography, and they would not be introduced in music, art and physical education.

☐ A decision would be made later on whether to add tests in technology for 14-year-olds as a core subject.

☐ Testing arrangements for seven and fourteen-year-olds would be streamlined.

☐ Next year's tests for 11-year-olds in English, maths and science would be a national pilot, leading to mandatory tests in 1995.

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Threat to laboratory

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS at Britain's leading environmental laboratory believe that the government is on the verge of closing it, just weeks before the white paper on science policy is published.

Staff at Warren Spring Laboratory near Stevenage, Hertfordshire, were yesterday briefed by their director, Dr Doug Cormack. According to some of those present, he warned that Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, had decided to close the laboratory.

A hundred of its 265 staff would be transferred to the atomic energy research centre at Harwell, Oxfordshire, the rest would lose their jobs.

The Warren Spring site has already been sold and a new laboratory was to be built. The DTI said last night that no final decision had been made.

Last week, the department announced a review by two outside consultants into its laboratory services.

Bishops unlikely to defect to Rome

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR bishops of the Church of England who opposed the ordination of women last year appear to have shifted their stance. Few now seem likely to defect to the Roman Catholic Church.

Of the 12 other bishops who voted against ordination of women in November, ten said last night that they planned to remain in the church. The others, the bishops of Chichester and Europe, were not available for comment.

The Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, denied yesterday reports that he is threatening to leave the church. He said he will consider his position only if no concessions are made to opponents of women priests. In fact, major concessions are being prepared.

Dozens of clergy and a handful of suffragan, area and retired bishops are known to be considering their future in the church. But of the 53 bishops in the upper house of the General Synod, including 12 opponents, none plans at present to leave.

The turnaround, from a point last year where many senior defections were feared, marks a victory for negotiations led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood. At a meeting of the house of bishops in June, Dr Habgood's group will propose changes to an agreement reached unanimously by bishops in Manchester earlier this year.

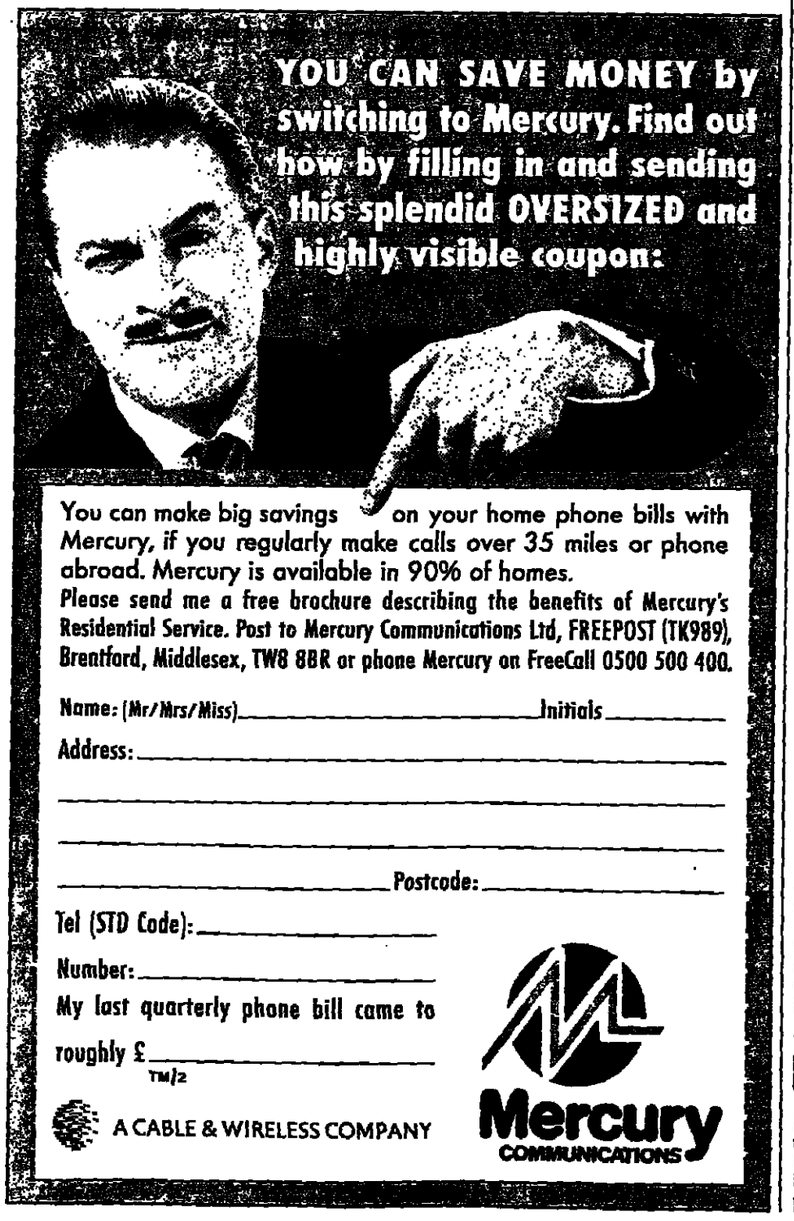
This will take the church to the point where it can accommodate most opponents of ordination of women.

The Bishop of Sodor and Man, the Right Rev Noël Debroy Jones, who liaises between opponents, represented by Forward in Faith, and the bishops, said he would consider his position if no change were made to the Manchester agreement.

The Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Michael Ball, said: "I have no intention of going to the Roman Catholic Church." A spokesman for the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev Alan Chesters, said: "He has never talked about resigning."

A spokesman for the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Timothy Bavin, said: "He did consider his position but he now supports the Manchester agreement, and is going along with that quite firmly."

The bishops of Sheffield, Newcastle, Winchester, Whitby, Chelmsford and the former Bishop of Doncaster, who voted against the legislation at the general synod, also intend to remain within the church.



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BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEWSPAPER Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, last night announced that it was seeking to raise capital from new and existing shareholders, clearing the way for *El Pais* and *La Repubblica*, the Spanish and Italian newspaper groups, to take control of the British titles.

Under the refinancing package, which is likely to take the form of a rights issue, the Spaniards and Italians are widely expected to increase their combined holding in Newspaper Publishing from about 39 to 50 per cent, ending the aims of the company's founding fathers to create a truly independent press.

The company needs the money to carry out radical changes in the editorial format of its titles and to beat off increasingly tough competition after the failure of its bid for *The Observer*.

In its statement, Newspaper Publishing said it wished to take full advantage of the improved economic climate. "The board will consider a range of financing options, including the use of internal resources, bank borrowing and raising new investors," it said.

Details have still to be worked out with the Spanish and Italian investors and are expected to be completed within three months. The announcement ends weeks of speculation about the future of the Independent titles, which are at present fourth in sales in their respective markets.

The agreement was reached after executives from Newspaper Publishing met representatives from *El Pais* in London yesterday and followed mounting speculation that *El Pais* and *La Repubblica* wanted to take control to stop further erosion in the value of their stakes.

The deal will take some of


Whittam Smith: may stand down as editor

the heat off Andreas Whittam Smith, chief executive of Newspaper Publishing and editor of *The Independent*, who has come under increasing pressure to relinquish his editorship and concentrate on his business stewardship. Three candidates are already rumoured to have been interviewed for the post of editor.

Mr Whittam Smith is due to address the workforce of *The Independent and The Independent on Sunday* today to explain the agreement. He met trade union representatives on his staff yesterday.

CORRECTION

Mr Nigel Greenwood is deputy chairman of Anti-Federal Europe, not the Anti-Federalist League, as incorrectly reported on May 4.

Tyneside loses new ship order

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the order to Barrow-in-Furness was "condemning Swan Hunter shipbuilders on Tyneside to closure with a loss of 6,000 jobs. That is a matter of enormous importance to the people of Tyneside," he said.

Dr David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, said: "It is essential that the government establishes some special defence diversification body to offset job losses on Tyneside."

Mr Aitken said in his statement: "In reaching this decision, we took full account of wider factors such as the future of Swan Hunter Shipbuilders. The final judgment was made on our normal technical and value-for-money criteria.

"The ship will provide accommodation for helicopters, men, guns, land vehicles and other equipment and a platform from which to mount helicopter assault. It will also significantly improve our ability to provide humanitarian assistance around the world."

Noel Davies, chief executive at Vickers, said: "Our proposal offered a technically excellent solution coupled with very good value for money, and we are pleased that this has been recognised by the MoD."

The ship, which is expected to be called HMS *Ocean*, is considered vital to the future of the Royal Marines and will be the largest in the fleet, dwarfing even the aircraft carriers Invincible and Ark Royal.

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for North Tyneside, said it was a "devastating body blow" to an unemployment blackspot.

Eddie Darke, the joint union convenor at Swans said: "People are devastated. It is difficult to see how the company can survive the loss of the order."

No prosecution over alleged school rape

Two teenage boys allegedly involved in Britain's first classroom rape will not be prosecuted because of a lack of evidence. Lawyers for the Crown Prosecution Service reached their decision after studying a large police file on the accusations. The 13-year-old boy is alleged to have raped a 26-year-old woman supply teacher at a south London comprehensive school, while the 14-year-old attempted rape.

Last night the solicitor for the 13-year-old boy said his family were considering bringing a civil action for damages, because of the "hellish" time the youth and his family had endured. Both boys left the comprehensive school after the allegations were made and have been receiving education elsewhere. The local education authority will meet soon to decide where the boys will continue their education.

Tax head suspended

The Inland Revenue investigator whose team launched the first enquiries into Asil Nadir's empire has been suspended for more than six months as detectives investigate alleged corruption. Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that an enquiry involving Michael Allcock, 43, head of the Inland Revenue's Special Office 2, was still continuing. It is not connected with Asil Nadir or the Polly Peck group. The Inland Revenue refused to comment on the case.

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Archbishop urges talks

Ulster's political leaders must act with "utmost urgency" to pave the way for resumed talks on the future of the province, the Archbishop of Armagh and Anglican Primate of All Ireland, the Most Rev Robert Eames, said yesterday. He told the Church of Ireland general synod in Dublin that the level of support for terrorists was "frightening".

☐ The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters claimed responsibility for the attempted murder of three workmen and the wounding of a Catholic deliveryman in Belfast yesterday.

RSPCA accuses hunter

The joint Master of the Beaufort Hunt, Captain Ian Farquhar, is being prosecuted by the RSPCA for alleged offences involving badger setts. He is accused of aiding and abetting two offences of interfering with a badger sett at Horton, Avon. The RSPCA's solicitor said the case would be heard by Yate magistrates near Bristol next Tuesday.

Police offer no evidence

Three former Surrey detectives accused of conspiring to manufacture a case against one of the Guildford Four yesterday offered no evidence at their Old Bailey trial. John Donaldson, 57, Vernon Attwell, 52, and Thomas Style, 59, deny a charge of conspiring to pervert the course of justice by fabricating notes. The trial continues today.

Sellafield delay likely

The review of nuclear waste policy by the government's radioactive waste management advisory committee could delay further the opening of the Sellafield reprocessing plant. Professor John Knill, its chairman, confirmed that the review would consider alternatives. Among them is the storage of spent fuel and disposal of it without reprocessing.

Solicitors make history

A group of solicitors in Scotland will today become the first in Britain to be granted the right to take criminal and civil cases in the higher courts. A special ceremony at the Court of Session will mark the end of the monopoly by barristers of the higher courts, two years after the government brought in legislation to dismantle lawyers' restrictive practices.

Victim of whooping cough vaccine wins £2.75m award

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

An award made against the Wellcome Foundation may lead to a series of claims *from other victims of vaccination*

A MAN *who was* severely brain damaged after being given whooping cough vaccine as a baby has been awarded £2.75 *million* by an Irish court, against the drug's manufacturer, the Wellcome Foundation.

The settlement, approved in the Dublin High Court yesterday, was greeted with delight by British campaigners who said it would open the way for a series of cases to be brought *in Britain against* the company.

"It's fantastic. I'm really pleased," said Rosemary Fox, secretary of the Association for the Parents of Vaccine Damaged Children. "They can no longer say whooping cough does not cause brain damage."

Eight cases are in preparation in Britain and are awaiting approval for legal aid. Writs are expected to be issued later this year, Ms Fox said. "This result will give them a new impetus."

The Dublin case, brought by Margaret Best, 46, marks the end of a 20-year campaign against Wellcome, *during* which she sought to prove that her son Kenneth, now 24 but with a mental age of two, was damaged by the vaccine.

Yesterday, the multi-national company agreed to pay Mr Best the record figure for damages, after a hearing to assess damages ended abruptly on the fourth day. The settlement was announced in the High Court after several hours of discussions between lawyers for the two sides.

The Irish Supreme Court ruled a year ago that Kenneth had suffered brain damage after the first injection of an excessively toxic whooping cough vaccine. The Supreme Court ordered a retrial in the High Court to assess the amount of damages.

The trial opened last Thursday and was due to last three weeks. Costs of the legal dispute are estimated at £4 million and will be paid by the drugs company.

Mr Justice Morris congratulated Mrs Best for her perseverance, which he said was not on her own behalf but for the benefit of "this unfortunate young man". Mr Best is now to be made a ward of court.

The judge also congratulated the company in meeting its responsibilities.

Outside the court, a delighted Mrs Best spoke of her happiness and relief. She said that she would be a having a quiet celebration with her family and friends.

"I am very happy and pleased it is all over after all the trials and tribulations. I was determined to see justice done. This will secure Kenneth's future."

More than 600 people damaged by whooping cough vaccine have received payments in Britain since 1979. These have ranged from £10,000 to £30,000, and were paid under the government's vaccine damage scheme.

However, no one has won compensation through the courts. Two cases in the mid-1980s failed.

In one of those hearings, the Loveday case in 1986, the judge ruled that he was not convinced the vaccine had caused the brain damage in that particular case but added that it was possible that it might be harmful.

The health department confirmed last night that recipients of payments under the government scheme were not precluded from suing.

In the United States, people damaged by whooping cough vaccine have won large pay*ments through the courts but* yesterday's award was the first to be made on this side of the Atlantic.

Legal experts said last night that the Irish legal system was closer to Britain's and the decision would be noted carefully by British judges.

Alec and Eric, cricket legends, stand the test of time

MICHAEL POWELL



Spot the differences: Alec Bedser, left, with twin brother Eric, in front of their portrait which went on show at the Mall Galleries yesterday

Artist draws the line under a distinguished double act

By Nicholas Watt

A NEW portrait unveiled yesterday of the most famous twins in cricket history has highlighted some subtle differences between two players who have been indistinguishable all their lives.

June Mendoza, who painted Alec and Eric Bedser at their house in Woking, Surrey, said the contrast was *easy to spot as a painter.* "I noticed that Eric's eyes were a little more hooded than Alec's," she said.

"But when they were opened wide you could not tell the difference. The crease on Eric's cheek also goes a bit further up when he smiles."

The Bedsers' lives have been so interwoven that they are almost regarded as one. Both served as president of Surrey County Cricket Club, where they returned yesterday for lunch, and both began their careers on the same day at the Oval in 1938. Their writing is identical and their minds are so similar that one has been known to finish the other's sentence.

Eric was born ten minutes *earlier than his brother on* July 4, 1918, though Alec became slightly more celebrated on the cricket field. Alec achieved a world record of taking 236 Test wickets and later became chairman of the England selectors.

The portrait is one of the highlights in the Royal Society of Portrait Painters Exhibition, which opened yesterday at the Mall Galleries. Speaking at the opening, Ms Mendoza said that painting the Bedsers was one of her most enjoyable jobs.

"They are both charming and very courteous gentlemen," she said. "Although we had a fairly tight schedule and had to get down to work, we had interesting chats."

Alec Bedser said the portrait was first class. "June set it in our Woking home but it was rather nice that she was able to take the artistic liberty of superimposing the Oval gasometer through the window."

Of the slight physical difference, Mr Bedser said: "There is a difference. There's no doubt about that."

Four all out sets new low for winning total

By Paul Wilkinson

CRICKET history was made at the weekend when a Yorkshire league side was bowled out for four runs — and still managed to win the match.

NEACO, from Norton, North Yorkshire, spent only 30 minutes at the crease. At one stage the scoreboard stood at 1-7. Nine players recorded a duck while the top scorer managed three.

The abysmal total was well short of the 76 scored by the Railway Tavern, Malton, and the day looked lost until officials of the newly formed Malton Pub and Works Evening League discovered that *the opposition had fielded at* least one "ringer" and awarded the match to NEACO.

Peter Douthwaite, landlord of the Railway Tavern, said: "We are very disappointed and hoped our win would stand. As far as we are concerned we did not field any illegal players and we played out of our skins. NEACO won a cup last year and we thought they would be knocking us for sixes every ball, but once our demon bowlers got into action it was the end. We could have *finished them off quicker but* they kept arguing about who was batting next, which wasted about 20 minutes."

League officials believe that NEACO's total is a Yorkshire record. Tony Linsley, a league *spokesman, said: "It's almost* impossible to get just four runs." But not quite.

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Put pepper on trial, say police

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A SPRAY based on pepper is being tested by Home Office scientists as a possible replace*ment for police truncheons.* It could even be used in siege incidents instead of firearms.

Ray White, chief constable of Dyfed-Powys, has urged the scientists to speed up their work so that trials with the sprays, produced in America, can be held. A police committee of firearms experts has asked the Home Office for a progress report on their work.

The sprays are known as OC sprays, or pepper mace, and their contents are derived from oleoresin capsicum, natural oil of pepper. They are used by police forces in America and Canada and are issued by the FBI to their agents. They are reported to be very effective in dealing with dan*gerous dogs as* well as humans.

Effective at a distance of 10 to 12 feet, the pepper inflames the *mucuous membranes* of victims, causing them to cough and gag.

Mr White said yesterday that he believed the sprays could be a better protection for officers than new types of truncheon, including the controversial side-handled baton. "The spray looks most promising. It would be less emotive than side-handled batons."

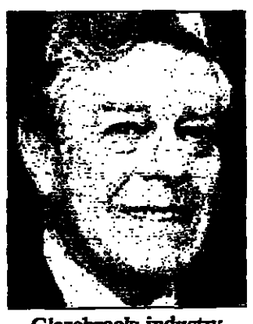
It could, however, be some time before the sprays are introduced. A Home Office spokeswoman said researchers had been in contact with America and Canada and the health department was also being consulted about their safety. Work needed to be done on the way the sprays worked before trials were allowed.

Defence staff 'tried to stop arms sales'

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

TRADE officials eager to boost British exports ignored defence ministry advice to stop sales of equipment to Iraq, it was claimed yesterday.

*Defence ministry attempts to stop exports of defence-*related equipment, including computer-assisted machine tools made by Matrix-Churchill, were blocked by trade officials, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told. It also heard that Iraq used an elaborate strategy of deceit to build armaments factories by im-



Glazebrook: industry officials ignored advice

porting equipment from different countries in small batches.

Suspicions of Iraq's strategy *crystallised in June 1989 after* Lt Col Richard Glazebrook, a retired officer working for the defence ministry, was told by a German colleague that Lybia had built chemical warfare factories using the same tech*nique. Lt Col Glazebrook, a* member of the ministry's working group responsible for implementing the arms export guidelines, said in evidence to the enquiry that he had become very concerned by the *difficulty he faced in getting* this information to ministers.

While examining four machine tool export licence *applications from Matrix* Churchill, "I had begun to crystallise my concerns about the build-up of armaments manufacturing capability in Iraq," he said. After a conversation with a German colleague about Libya, "I came to the conclusion that the same thing was happening with Iraq". Only when the working group looked at the export licence applications as a whole, instead of in isolation, was it possible to understand the scale of what was going on.

The working group decided to draft a report for ministers highlighting concern that Britain, with other countries, was "unwittingly and sometimes not" helping Iraq to develop an independent armaments manufacturing capability which would significantly enhance its military strength in violation of the Howe arms export guidelines.

Lt Col Glazebrook said he feared that the alarm being raised by the working group was not being heard. Trade and industry department officials were increasingly insisting that exports of dual-use goods would be stopped only if there was direct proof that they were being used for military purposes.

Asked what he thought of this development, Lt Col Glazebrook said: "I felt this was whittling away at the Howe guidelines. I felt minis*ters were not aware of the scale* of the problem." Trade and industry officials were ignoring the advice of the working group "and we were powerless to produce the firm evidence" they were demanding.

Rushdie in meeting with Major

By Alison Roberts

SALMAN Rushdie yesterday predicted that relations between the British and Iranian governments would become frostier after his first meeting with the prime minister.

Mr Rushdie called the 40-minute talks with John Major an important symbol, indicating the government's intention to lead an international effort to secure his freedom. The novelist has spent over four years under a death threat issued by the Iranian government after publication of *The Satanic Verses*.

The author said that a series of international measures had been discussed, though he would not specify them. He predicted that diplomatic relations between Iran and Britain "might get frostier any second".

A statement from Downing Street expressed "concern that Iranian authorities have failed to repudiate the incitement to murder on Mr Rushdie in the *fatwa*".

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Briton drives Chinese up to the wall

From Catherine Sampson
in Simatai, China

ABOUT 60,000 people watched yesterday as the British stunt-rider Eddie Kidd became the first foreigner to leap over the Great Wall of China on a motorcycle.

Kidd, 33, has been a stand-in for James Bond in 007 films and says he has never broken a bone in 12,000 jumps. At Simatai, the Great Wall clings to a range of mountainous peaks that seem to rise at right angles from the plains below. Had he fallen, Kidd would have plunged down a rock-strewn gully and into a river.

The first person to cross the wall on a motorcycle was Ko Shouliang, a stuntman from Taiwan. He jumped it last November *at another* section, Jingshansi.

"My jump will be more spectacular," Kidd said before the leap. "The wall is much more dangerous here and I don't have much space for my landing. And I've decided, *right now*, that I'm going to jump with only one hand."



Wall-to-wall: thousands saw Eddie Kidd's jump

Spectators yesterday said he had both hands firmly on the handlebars. The promise of death-defying danger had, however, captured the imagination of tens of thousands.

Many of those who witnessed the jump got up at 5am to make the three-hour journey from Peking, arriving early to ensure that they could claim the best vantage points.

Clinging to the hillside opposite Kidd's ramp, they waited seven hours for the jump to take place. Traffic jams built up for miles around Simatai and many people abandoned their cars in the road and walked for more than an hour to the jump site.

Forty thousand people bought tickets at a cost equivalent to £3 each, and about 20,000 peasants watched from surrounding hills.

Most were rewarded for their pains with a rather distant spectacle of Kidd and his motorcycle soaring over the Great Wall. Some of those present blinked at the wrong moment and, for all their waiting, missed the big event.

"I could do that," said one man as he left. "Give me a couple of years to practise and some ramps, and I'll invite you to watch me fly over the Great Wall."

In spite of Kidd's impressive safety record, China's cultural relics bureau protects the 2,000-year-old Great Wall so zealously that it would allow him to jump only at Simatai. It is a relatively new piece of the wall, orginally built to keep out marauding hordes from the north, that was reconstructed in the 15th century.

Orgy of pilfering in hospitals costs NHS £180m a year

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

■ **Hospitals are even more vulnerable to pilfering than high street stores, yet they have few checks to control it**

HOSPITALS are losing goods like "supermarkets without tills" in an orgy of pilfering by staff, patients and visitors which is costing the health service more than £180 million a year.

Items ranging from technical equipment worth thousands of pounds to cartons of milk are being stolen, according to a report which also says that the thefts are being ignored by managers.

A survey of six hospitals commissioned by the health department found laundry managers spending £10,000 a year replacing stolen bed linen. In one hospital, wheelchairs worth a total of £30,000 disappeared over two years.

In another, 750 pieces of cutlery were lost from a stock of 900 in 18 months and 40 kettles in a year. An accident and emergency department lost 20 telephones in a year. The report said that one sister on a maternity ward said she was aware a lot of small items went missing but added that "she was a very busy person and quite frankly did not care".

The day the researchers, Sheena Carmichael and John Drummond, who are crime prevention specialists, arrived at one hospital, a £7,000 probe had vanished. They followed the cleaners into unlocked buildings in the evening. "You could help yourself to anything. Tens of thousands of pounds worth of equipment was there for the taking on every site," they said.

One manager's comments that hospitals were supermarkets without tills could be applied everywhere, the report's authors said. Budgets were not being managed properly. One consultant was given a budget of £12.5 million overnight but received no management training whatsoever.

Baroness Cumberlege, junior minister of health with responsibility for NHS security, said the report's findings were deeply disturbing.

"Losses from the NHS are not much larger than for most retail organisations, but we are not like most retail organisations, we are special," she told a conference on crime prevention organised by NAHAT, the health authorities and trusts association.

Ms Carmichael later said there were no accurate figures for losses from the NHS but they were likely to be higher than the 2 per cent of turnover that retailers admit. Staff account for 70 per cent of the £30 billion cost of the NHS, leaving £9 billion spent on goods. Losses of 2 per cent would amount to £180 million.

Sir Duncan Nichol, chief executive of the NHS, said hospital managers were to be asked to review security in the light of the report's recommendations but to avoid turning hospitals into fortresses.

☐ The chief executive of a West Yorkshire hospital where two doctors were murdered told the conference how security had been stepped up after the deaths.

Barrie Fisher said the killings three years ago changed the lives of staff and showed the hospital's vulnerability. Kenneth Paton, 56, and Michael Masser, 42, two plastic surgeons, were stabbed to death in their consulting rooms at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield by Laith Alani, a 22-year-old paranoid schizophrenic.

The hospital has since fitted digital locks to internal doors and reduced the number of open entry points from 250 to 20. Entry to nurses' homes is now controlled by magnetic cards and remote control locks have been introduced on maternity and paediatric wards. A police sub-station has been set up in the hospital grounds and there has been a 60 per cent fall in car crime.

Everything goes, from kettles to computers

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

PROPERTY stolen from the NHS rarely finds its way into a dubious car boot sale, although valuable items such as personal computers taken from a hospital office do occasionally turn up in a muddy field on a Sunday morning for a knock-down £200.

Most of the loot is worth considerably less. It ranges from bandages to kettles, linen to cutlery, syringes to walking frames, telephones to stethoscopes, and is taken for personal use by staff, patients and visitors.

Police are rarely called in to investigate the vast amount of petty pilfering in hospitals, said to be costing the NHS £180 million a year, because only items worth more than £5,000 are entered in hospitals' computerised asset registers and inventories of less valuable property are not kept.

One hospital manager said: "If I was called out to a burglary in the middle of the night and the police asked me what had been taken, I wouldn't have the first idea about how to answer the question."

The health department raised the asset register lower limit from £1,000 to £5,000 as recently as April 1 in a move that a spokesman for Crime Prevention Consulting Ltd, the organisation which carried out the survey into hospital pilfering, said would intensify the pilfering epidemic.

Much of what is taken is marked with a hospital identification stamp, although this precaution fails to halt its removal. Other items, such as wheelchairs and walking frames dispensed to patients going home after treatment, are simply never returned and never checked by the hospitals that have loaned them.

Meanwhile, minor items such as stethoscopes and bandages are known to find their way into children's stockings at Christmas.

A health department spokesman said: "People don't go to car boot sales with stolen NHS property and there is no market as such for what is looted. It is taken for personal use."

A spokesman for the Association of Chief Police Officers said the criminal victimisation of the NHS has never previously been highlighted.

Naturally thin athletes are role models for young rivals



Slim and healthy: Liz McColgan, left, Zola Pieterse, centre, and Mary Decker are symbols of perfection to potential anorexics

Distance running masks eating disorders

BY JAMES LANDALE

LONG-DISTANCE women runners are becoming increasingly prone to eating disorders, according to a senior running coach.

Writing in an athletics magazine today, Cliff Temple, a British Athletics Federation coach for 20 years, describes "a disturbing trend of known and suspected eating disorders among female runners of all abilities".

He says that women sprinters, hurdlers and jumpers are less affected, "but some distance runners are realising that a degree of weight loss can actually help their performance". The number of runners suffering from eating disorders is unclear but in the latest research, 28 per cent of women runners questioned said that at some time they had had anorexia, bulimia or both.

Although he believes the real cause of eating disorders is usually quite unrelated to sport, "exercise, and particularly a high-calorie-burning exercise like running, is a natural magnet for them, assisting as it does the attainment of thinness", he writes in *Athletics Today*.

Mr Temple, author of a booklet called *Too Thin to Win?*, says: "A sport like long-distance running has everything they need: the burning of calories, an excuse for being so thin, and an activity they can do on their own at any time of the day or night."

Anorexic athletes can hide their illness easily because symptoms such as weight-loss, hyperactivity, obsessive exercise and loss of menstruation are often found in long-distance runners. Mr Temple says that although reasonable, controlled weight-loss in a runner carrying excess weight improves performance, it is ultimately self-defeating.

"Medical practitioners may waste hours trying to cure ailments which won't clear up because, unknown to them, the athlete just isn't eating sufficiently to promote healing."

Women should eat well after running and not just a diet drink and an orange, he said yesterday. Many races, such as last month's London marathon, in which 4,000 women took part, are now being sponsored by diet drinks and food companies. "They are definitely picking on the right market," he said.

Mr Temple said that women runners such as Zola Pieterse, Mary Decker and Liz McColgan, who are all naturally thin, had become role models for many women runners.

Women hold keys to revival in car sales

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

A STRONG demand for company cars, many of them driven by a rising generation of women managers, will help sales of new cars revive to near record levels within four years, according to forecasters.

Demand for company cars will lift sales from 1.6 million in 1992, to more than 2 million by 1997, the same total as in 1990, the Henley Centre for Forecasting believes. But the structure of the market is likely to change, with company car drivers playing an even stronger role and demand for vehicles bought by firms growing by 27 per cent in five years.

Although there will be a fall of about 3 per cent in the number of sales professionals on the road — traditionally the strongest users of company-provided vehicles — more skilled managers and professionals will take advantage of the offer of a car owned by their firms.

Among them will be more powerful women in management jobs. The Henley forecasters told a conference in London, held in conjunction with MORI, the opinion poll researchers, and Lex Service, that in 1991 women occupied only 28 per cent of supervisory and management positions. By 2000, that figure will have grown to 37 per cent.

Sir Trevor Chinn, Lex Service chairman, said: "Despite the fall of more than a third in new car sales over the last three years, it is clear that demand for personal transport is unabated. More than 80 per cent of drivers say they would find it very difficult to adjust their lifestyles to having no car."

Bob Worcester, chairman of MORI, said that in 1990 Britons should have owned around 25 million cars but the recession kept the figure at just over 23 million. "The recession has hurt the car industry and hurt it badly," he said.

Churchill-Coleman wins libel damages

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE former commander of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch accepted undisclosed libel damages yesterday over a newspaper report that he had been dismissed from his job because of incompetence.

The High Court was told that the article, in the *Sunday Express* last September, said that the home secretary was dissatisfied with the performance of George Churchill-Coleman and that morale within the squad was extremely low. "Nothing could have been further from the truth," Caroline Kean, Mr Churchill-Coleman's solicitor, said.

The skill and dedication with which Mr Churchill-Coleman had carried out his job between August 1985 and November 1992 — at considerable risk to himself and his family — had been recognised by the home secretary, Miss Kean said. He had always had the full confidence of his staff, whose morale had never been less than excellent. In 1989, he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service and had been commended on ten separate occasions. Mr Churchill-Coleman, who now commands the Metropolitan and City Police company fraud department, wanted the transfer to take place and was consulted throughout about his successor.

Caroline Addy, counsel for the publisher Express Newspapers, Eve Pollard, editor of the *Sunday Express*, and the journalists Barrie Penrose and Oonagh Blackman, said they accepted that the allegations were wholly unjustified and without foundation. They apologised for the embarrassment and distress caused and agreed to pay Mr Churchill-Coleman damages and all his legal costs.

In a statement issued through his solicitor, Mr Churchill-Coleman said that he was delighted with the outcome of the case.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parker to challenge £700 fine

A motorist who retured to his car 20 minutes after a pay-and-display parking ticket expired and then ignored an official form has been fined £700 by Liverpool magistrates.

Kenneth Orme, 50, a nursing manager from Walton, Liverpool, pleaded guilty by post and declared a disposable income of £100 a week.

The penalty was worked out under the new Criminal Justice Act. He said: "The law is not an ass, but its implementation is. Magistrates have been told to use discretion." He intends to appeal.

Tooth case

An industrial tribunal awarded £5,949 for unfair dismissal to Reg Silburn, 47, a toolshop manager who refused to wear dentures bought by his Southampton employers and left them on the till.

Raid arrest

Police have arrested a man in Bolton, Greater Manchester, in connection with a robbery in which nearly £1 million was taken by men who clung to the underside of a security van.

Girls attacked

A jogger aged about 50 with a grey moustache assaulted three teenage girls at Stapleford, Nottinghamshire.

Channel bid

Seven Australian lifeguards hope to be the first relay team to make a non-stop four-way crossing of the Channel.

Walker killed

A bolt of lightning killed Stephen Hiscock, 36, as he was walking beside a canal at Gnosall, Staffordshire.

Quarry death

David Clarke, 31, died after his dumper truck fell 200ft down a quarry at Essington, Staffordshire.

Owls stolen

A pair of eagle owls and three eggs were stolen from an Isle of Wight adventure park.

Farnes preserved as wildlife haven

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE Farne Islands, scene of Grace Darling's rescue of shipwrecked mariners in a raging storm, today become a national nature reserve in recognition of their importance to wildlife conservation.

The islands off the Northumbrian coast are one of the few breeding grounds for grey seals and a base for nesting colonies of 18 kinds of seabirds including puffins, cormorants and razorbills.

Accessible only by small boat from the fishing port of Seahouses on the mainland, the 28 islands and rocky stacks have long been a centre for natural history study. In 1951, they became one of the first sites of special scientific interest. More recently, they have been included in an EC protection scheme identifying sites used by vulnerable bird species.

Tiffany Hunt, regional director of the National Trust, which has owned the islands since 1925, said the trust was "absolutely delighted to receive this special citation for the Farne Islands, which have long been recognised as one of the nation's top bird sanctuaries". The islands become one of 140 sites around the country selected by English Nature, the government's statutory conservation adviser, for special protection.



Safe home: guillemots on a stack in the Farne Islands

The Farnes had a place in history long before Grace Darling's father kept the Longstone lighthouse on the outermost of the islands 150 years ago. St Cuthberi, whose remains lie in a chapel at Durham Cathedral, lived as a hermit on Inner Farne from 676 to 684 and died there in 687. Religious buildings survived there until the suppression of the monasteries in 1536.

Visitors today are limited to Inner Farne and Staple Island between May and July.

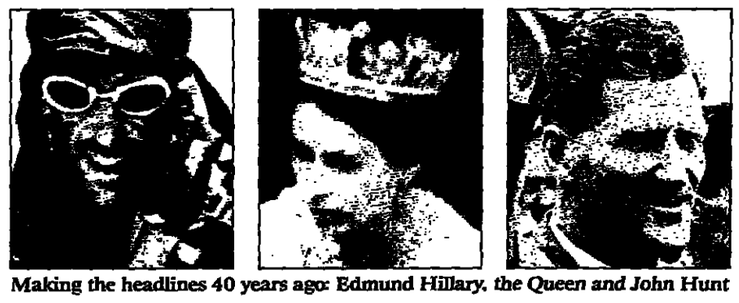
☐ A gasometer threatened with demolition has been reprieved by a pair of squatting peregrine falcons. The birds, which last year became the first peregrines to hatch and rear chicks in Dublin after settling on the gasometer by the Liffey, have rebuilt their nest at the same spot and now an egg has appeared.

That means that under the terms of the Irish Wildlife Act, the disused gasometer cannot be demolished until the end of the breeding season at least.

The birds' eviction seemed certain, and the Dublin Gas Company's rivals, Ireland's Electricity Supply Board, made an offer to rehouse the falcons on a generating station's chimney stack. But the position changed when the egg was seen. An Office of Public Works spokesman said: "The nesting site is protected by the act. Effectively, the falcons have become squatters on the gasometer, with the full protection of the law."

The Irish Wildbird Conservancy yesterday mounted a round-the-clock watch on the nest to guarantee protection for the falcons.

THE TIMES / MOUNT EVEREST FOUNDATION READER EVENT



Making the headlines 40 years ago: Edmund Hillary, the Queen and John Hunt

Crowning glory

The excitement that surrounded the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953 was crowned by the announcement that mighty Mount Everest had been conquered for the first time — by a British team.

The news was released to the world by *The Times*, whose reporter James Morris took part in the long and hazardous climb.

To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the event that at the time caused every man, woman and child in Britain to glow in the glory of such a magnificent achievement, *The Times*, in association with the Mount Everest Foundation is inviting readers to a commemorative lecture — The Ascent of Everest — to be held on Wednesday May 26 at the the headquarters of the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington Gore, west London. The event will start at noon.



Lord Hunt, the leader of the expedition, his colleague Sir Edmund Hillary — who reached the top of Everest with Sherpa Tenzing — and other members of the team will get together again and retell the story of the dramatic climb. Chris Bonington, will introduce this memorable occasion.

Times readers are invited to attend this event, tickets for which cost £20. We must advise, however, that places are limited and that the allocation of tickets must be on a first come, first served basis. All unsuccessful applicants are assured that their remittance will be refunded.

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Disgraced Heron chief seen as only man who can restore company's fortunes

Ronson sheds trappings of luxury for fightback

BY JON ASHWORTH

■ Life is not too hard for Gerald Ronson. He still enjoys the services of a chauffeur and a guaranteed salary of £500,000 a year

BY HIS standards, Gerald Ronson is having to rough it. The private jet and luxury yacht are no longer at his disposal. His seven-bedroom mansion in Hampstead is up for sale with a £2.5 million price tag. Heron International, the company he built from scratch over 30 years, is unravelling, faced with debts of more than £1 billion and he is taking a pay cut of £800,000.

But by anyone else's standards, he is not doing too badly. He has been guaranteed an annual salary of £500,000 for the next five years, rising in line with inflation, and a generous contribution to his pension. There is a £2 million life assurance contract and a widow's pension, rounding off a compensation package worth close to £5 million. A car and chauffeur are included for good measure.

All this for a man who served six months in prison for his part in the Guinness affair and whose family company is worth nearly £1 billion less than in the boom years of the 1980s. Heron, whose interests range from the Victoria Plaza shopping centre in London to the H.R. Owen car dealership, had a deficit of £328 million at the last count.

Mr Ronson, 53, will argue that he deserves every penny. He has spent over a year persuading 82 banks to agree to a £1.4 billion refinancing to save Heron from collapse. He will say that he needs an incentive if he is to devote the time and energy needed to restore Heron's fortunes. For Heron's 15,000 bond holders, the choice is stark: accept or the company goes bankrupt.

So against all odds, Mr Ronson appears to have pulled it off. Little more than two years since he walked free from Ford Open Prison in West Sussex, he has laid the seeds for a triumphant recovery. Within a matter of years, there is every likelihood that he will have powered his way back to the top.

The tale of Mr Ronson's rise is remarkable. After leaving school at 15, he built a property and motor dealership empire which became the UK's biggest private company. He introduced self-service petrol stations to Britain in the 1960s.

By the mid-1980s, he was Britain's sixteenth richest man with a lifestyle to match. There was a Ferrari and a white Rolls-Royce with personalised number plates. There was the BAe 125-800 executive jet which is currently awaiting a buyer. Second-hand 800s sell for £4 million to £6 million.

His Heron Foundation gave generously to children's charities — £5.5 million in 1990 alone — fuelled by the energy of his wife Gail, a former model, after whom he named his ocean-going 180ft yacht, *My Gail III*. In 1991, Heron gave £4.3 million to charities, including the Prince's Business Trust and the Great Ormond Street children's hospital.

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My Gail III, of similar size to Robert Maxwell's *Lady Ghislaine*, spent several months on the market with a price tag of £16.5 million. Unlike the publishing tycoon, Mr Ronson never chartered the yacht out, preferring to retain it for his sole use while cruising between Palma on Majorca and the South of France. *My Gail III* was sold three months ago. The identity of the buyer and the selling price have not been disclosed, but the yacht is unlikely to have fetched over £12 million.

The Ronson family home in Hampstead, northwest London, was touted around privately for some months last year. In January, the estate agents Goldschmidt and Howland began publicly hunting for a buyer. The company confirmed yesterday that the house is still on the market for £2.5 million. The Ronsons have moved to a similarly priced house near Regent's Park.

Luxury cars have always been a feature. On his release from Ford, he was given a new £47,000 Porsche 911 as a welcome home present. Last Christmas, it emerged that he had sold his silver Jaguar XJ220 to a classic car dealership for £365,000.

The four Ronson daughters have also had their share of the limelight. Lisa, the eldest, works in equities at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. She and her sisters, Hayley, Nicole and Amanda, rallied round their mother during the the Guinness trial.

Mr Ronson's salary will fall from £1.3 million if bond holders approve the Heron package at a series of meetings beginning next month. A return to real wealth will depend on Heron's recovery. If Mr Ronson hits all his deadlines and repays banks and creditors, he will be left with a stake of more than 20 per cent in the company.

In a separate deal, Mr Ronson has returned to his roots by buying the Snax24 chain of 24 service stations for £11 million. He was also keen to buy the Suzuki franchise, but bankers are believed to have resisted the move.

If bond holders give their approval, Heron will begin to sell off properties and businesses to reduce its debts. Heron Suzuki, Heron Homes and Heron service stations will be sold by March 1995.

Mr Ronson is due to hand over the chairmanship of Heron to Lord Boardman, former chairman of the National Westminster Bank.

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Family saga: Gail Ronson and two of her daughters attending the trial, Gerald Ronson in prison, and the yacht named after his wife

Deal will earn the envy of Guinness co-defendants

THE ease with which Gerald Ronson appears to have secured his future for the next five years must be the envy of his fellow Guinness defendants, who have enjoyed mixed fortunes.

The most prominent, Ernest Saunders, had his five-year prison sentence halved on appeal, and was released after just ten months at Ford Open Prison, apparently suffering from pre-senile dementia. He later blamed the condition on anti-depressant drugs prescribed in jail.

Mr Saunders, 57, has become a popular after-dinner speaker and is also marketing consultant to a portable telephone company. He divides his time between London and Switzerland and recently received a lump sum of about £150,000 from Guinness as part of a pension deal.

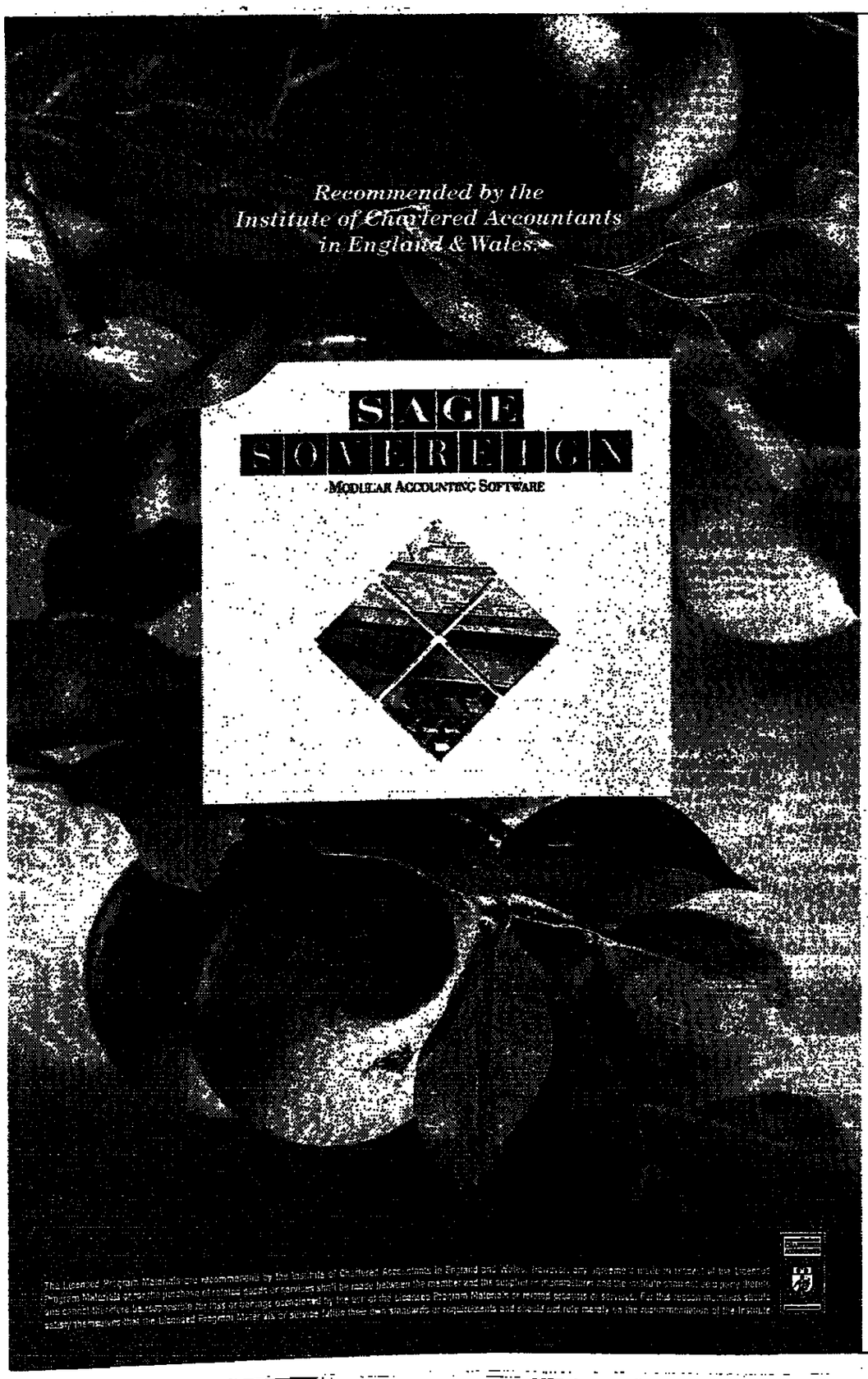
Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker known in the City as The Animal, left Ford in July 1992 after serving 11 months of a 30-month sentence, reduced on appeal to 21 months. His marriage ended and he was expelled by the Stock Exchange. He is said to spend much of his time in France.

Jack Lyons, the businessman and philanthropist, was stripped of his knighthood after being fined £3 million. He was spared a prison sentence because of poor health and has retired to Switzerland.

Olivier Roux, the former finance director of Guinness and Mr Saunders's right-hand man, was the main prosecution witness in the first trial. He is now a partner of Talisman, a consultancy run by former employees of Bain & Co, the US consultancy that seconded him to Guinness.

The defendants in the second Guinness trial, Roger Seelig and Lord Spens, former banking advisers to the company, were acquitted last year after their trial was aborted. Mr Seelig, who suffered a nervous breakdown because of the stress of defending himself, has since joined the board of a small engineering firm. Lord Spens is campaigning for reform of the Serious Fraud Office.

Thomas Ward, the American lawyer who advised Guinness during the £2.6 billion bid for Distillers, was cleared of theft at the Old Bailey in March after a six-week trial. He was paid £5.2 million for his services to Guinness.



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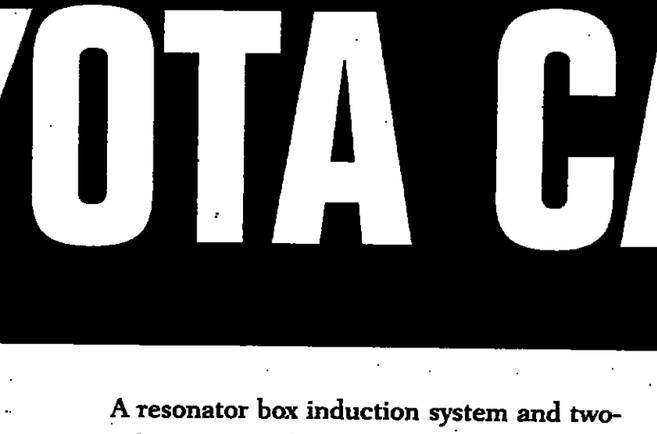
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French hold Briton for months with no access to lawyer

BY KATE ALDERSON

A BRITISH businessmen has spent five months in jail in France without seeing a lawyer after his arrest on a drugs charge that he denies.

Despite protests from his family, British and French authorities have failed to secure any interview with a legal representative for Raymond Bickley, 49, director of an East Sussex travel company, held in jail in Rennes, Brittany, since his arrest in St Malo on December 4.

His wife Medina said at her Brighton home yesterday: "I'm horrified by the whole affair. My husband is a British citizen in a foreign jail and nothing has been done for him."

The Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that Mr Bickley had yet to be seen by a lawyer. A spokesman admitted: "It is a long time not to be seen by a lawyer. We are acting on it."

Mr Bickley was arrested on his way back from a business trip in Spain. He says that he accepted a lift in a car with someone he had met in Spain. The car was found to contain cannabis.

He was initially held for 15 days before Britain's Consulate-General in Paris contacted the president of the local Bar and "insisted" a lawyer be appointed for him.

However, by March 30, when Mr Bickley appeared before the examining magistrates, his appointed lawyer, Maitre Moncoq, had failed to come forward.

It was not until four weeks later, in response to a query by Mrs Bickley, that the consular department of the Foreign Office in London wrote her a letter of explanation: "The lawyer said he could not visit the prison in Rennes as his travelling expenses are not reimbursed under the legal aid system."

The letter also said that M Moncoq had stated that he would not have time to represent Mr Bickley at his trial later this year, on September 30. Mr Bickley has still not been visited by an alternative lawyer. And, according to a letter Mrs Bickley received from her husband yesterday, dated May 6, he is still under the impresssion that M Moncoq will be representing him.

Mrs Bickley said she found consular procedures alarming. She said: "I was not informed by the Foreign Office that my husband had even been arrested. He was due home on December 4 last year and did not turn up. I rang the Foreign Office and they knew nothing about my husband. I only found out he had been arrested when a pastor visiting the jail telephoned me on December 13 and told me my husband had been arrested."

The Foreign Office said yesterday that the period of time which Mr Bickley had been waiting to see a lawyer was "quite unusual".



Victorious voyage: Tom McNally relaxes after his arrival in Puerto Rico

Atlantic trip 'like living under a sink'

THE sailor who crossed the Atlantic in a boat 6½in shorter than his height likened the voyage to living beneath a kitchen sink.

Tom McNally, who is 5ft 11in, described his living conditions as "about as much space as under the kitchen counter, beneath the sink. To lift one leg, you have to move the other over."

But he objected to the craft being compared to a bathtub. "Please don't call it a bathtub. I hate it when people call it a bathtub. Actually, it's smaller than most bathtubs."

Mr McNally, 50, a teacher from Liverpool, docked on Monday in San Juan, Puerto Rico, nearly three months after leaving Madeira, west of Morocco.

He is claiming the records for the smallest vessel used in an ocean crossing and the first crossing in a vessel smaller than its occupant.

His boat, which resembles an amusement park bumper car with a clear bubble top and a sail, is 5ft 4½in long and cost about £10,000 to construct. "No one believed you could navigate such a small, round boat," Mr McNally said. "It's a good strong form. The smaller the vessel, the stronger it is. The problem is living in the thing for a few months."

He originally set sail on December 28 from Sagres, Portugal, and was just three days into the voyage when he collided with a ferry. "I was sucked into the side [of the ferry] and rolled along the side," he said. "I fell out of the boat but held on to the mast. It was a bit of a nightmare."

His boat, named *Vera Hugh, Pride of Merseyside*, was damaged and he had to pump out water for more than 20 days until he could land in Madeira.

After repairs, he set sail again on February 13 but much of his stock of freeze-dried food became wet and inedible. From April 9, he lived only on what he could catch. "There was plenty of fish, it was no problem," he said. "But I'm sick to death of fish, I can tell you."

It was Mr McNally's eighth crossing or attempted crossing of the Atlantic. He plans to sail on for another 22 days to Florida, where he will celebrate with Edna Kent, his fiancée.

Boar back in Forest of Dean

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BOAR have been reintroduced to the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire more than 700 years after the wild species was hunted to extinction.

They are being farmed behind electric fences on land belonging to Robert Wallace. He has registered ten sows, one boar and 50 piglets with the district council under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, although he claims they are quite docile.

Mr Wallace said: "Boar is a healthy meat, very lean with a nice flavour. There is great demand." Safeway hopes to sell wild boar products later this year.

Most of the 300 breeding sows being farmed in Britain are descended from stock captured on the Continent, where boar still roam freely.



Boar: healthy meat not to be sniffed at

Social work chief fights suspension

BY RAY CLANCY

THE social work director suspended by Orkney councillors over his role in the islands' child sexual abuse scandal has criticised the disciplinary action.

Paul Lee, 44, said yesterday that he was being made a scapegoat for the affair, in which nine children were removed from their homes in February 1991, and said he would challenge Orkney Islands Council's decision.

Mr Lee said in a statement: "I am astonished that the council acted in this way after the effort and time expended in the improvement of the department from its grossly unsatisfactory position which I inherited in 1990.

"The stress and struggle over the past two and a half years will now be prolonged. It is hard to see the council's action as anything other than scapegoating. This will have serious effects on the morale of the departments and social work in general. It will be an expensive and drawn-out process and, for my part, it will be vigorously challenged every step of the way."

The council, which said in its internal report, published on Monday, that no other member of staff was to be disciplined, will now re-examine Mr Lee's decision-making over a number of years and, in particular, the chain of events that led to the dawn raids.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Today's game shows a Nigel Short speciality, the dramatic use of the king as an attacking piece. Usually the king has to hide away during the middlegame to defend itself from snap checkmates. It is very rare, when, as in the following game the king itself can march forth to engage in close battle with the enemy. This game is probably Nigel Short's most impressive win against Kasparov so far.

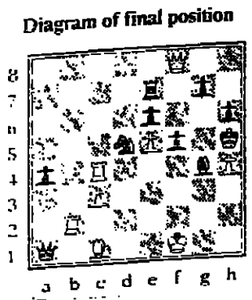
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Diagram of final position

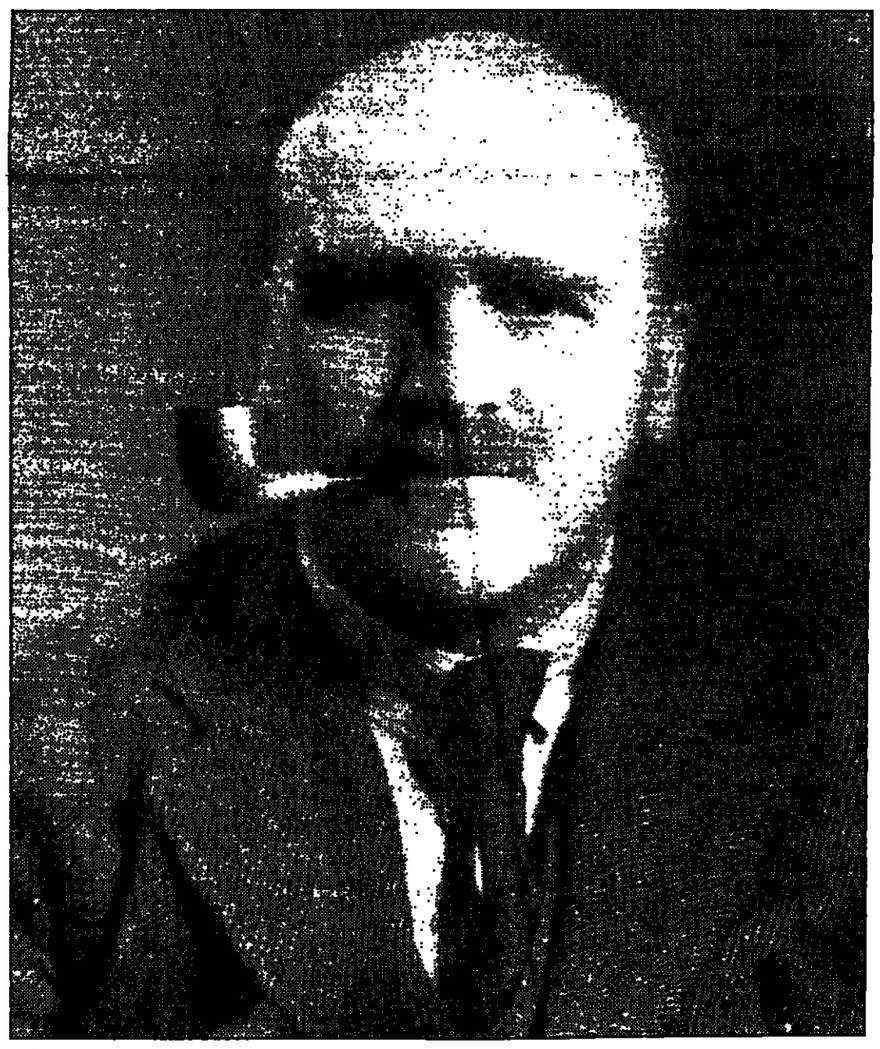


World Championship Update:
During The Times World Chess Championship starting on September 7 there will be a two month long London Chess Festival.

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Smith seeks party unity with pledge of PR poll

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith is planning to avoid a damaging party split by pledging a referendum on proportional representation in Labour's election manifesto.

Mr Smith is expected to tell the national executive next week that he is in favour of a change in the current system of electing MPs to the Commons. But he will promise that any move from the first past the post system would have to be endorsed by the electorate.

The Labour leader is also preparing to make a significant climbdown on trade union links in the face of widespread opposition from union leaders.

While he is determined to introduce a one member one vote system for selecting parliamentary candidates this year, even at the risk of defeat at the party conference, Mr Smith may delay changes to the electoral college for the leader and the deputy until next year. He wants to put out a message on both fronts that he intends to modernise the party, but he hopes to win the support of potential opponents through a cautious approach.

Although Mr Smith has never been an enthusiast for PR, he is said to have accepted the need for change. The Plant report on electoral reform, which is to be discussed by the parliamentary Labour party today and by the NEC next week, will recommend a limited form of PR — the supplementary vote — for the Commons. Mr Smith is expected to endorse this system, but he will sell it as a change rather than a move towards PR. Most PR enthusiasts, including Jeff Rooker, Labour MP for Perry Bar, and Lord Plant himself, do not feel that the supplementary vote goes far enough.

Mr Smith will appeal both to those in favour and against reform — such as Margaret Beckett, his deputy — by promising a referendum in Labour's next manifesto. He is said to be considering a double referendum similar to that being carried out in New Zealand. Under this system, two referendums are held, before and after legislation.

On the first referendum, people are asked to vote for a change in the electoral reform and are given a separate vote on what type of system they favour from a menu of options. If the majority are in favour of reform then a second referendum is held on the preferred option. This ballot would only be conducted after Parliament had passed legislation putting the framework for change in place.



Smith: confident of party's support for his stand on electoral reform

Mr Smith is reasonably confident that he can win conference's support for his stand on electoral reform, but he seems to be heading for defeat on his plans to reform trade union links. Four of the big trade unions have already indicated that they will oppose his scheme for one member one vote for selecting parliamentary candidates. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, who was expected to support Mr Smith, is now pressing for an associate membership where union members still retain some influence in selecting candidates and the leadership.

Mr Smith indicated recently that he would consider an associate membership scheme in the longer term. One possibility being floated is applying an associate membership scheme to the whole party.

The Labour leadership hopes that this "open door" is enough to get the trade unions to back off from an embarrassing confrontation on one member one vote at the party conference this autumn. If they do not, and he is defeated, he is likely to hold a special conference to decide how parliamentary candidates are to be selected this autumn, where he would expect to get his way.

☐ The AEEU engineering and electrical union, the main union supporting the reforms favoured by Mr Smith, yesterday criticised the unions not supporting him. Bill Jordan, the AEEU president, said: "It really is time that certain union barons started looking at the real interests of the Labour party rather than trying to protect old privileges that have had their day."

Threatened boycott fails to halt tests

BY ROBERT MORGAN POLITICAL STAFF

THERE will be sweeping changes to next year's national curriculum, John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday. But, despite the expected teachers' boycott of this year's tests, Mr Patten refused to postpone them.

"Abandoning the tests would leave conscientious teachers, concerned parents and the wider community in the dark about our schools," he told MPs in a Commons statement. His proposals appeared to quell Tory backbench unease.

Mr Patten said that from next year mandatory tests for seven- and 14-year-olds would concentrate on English, mathematics and science, and on Welsh as a first language in Wales. The introduction of mandatory tests for 14-year-olds in history and geography, planned for 1994, would be postponed pending a review by Sir Ron Dearing.

From 1994, teachers of seven-year-olds would no longer have to make assessments of classroom work in technology, history and geography, and they would not be introduced in music, art and physical education. A decision would be made later on whether to add tests in technology for 14-year-olds as a core subject in the light of this summer's tests.

Testing arrangements for seven- and 14-year-olds would be "streamlined with some substantial changes to coverage and style", Mr Patten said. Next year's tests for 11-year-olds in English, maths and science would be a national pilot, leading to mandatory tests in 1995.

Mr Patten said the tests next year would "focus on the basics". The testing arrangements should go ahead without interruption, he said.

"If not, we will have an education system without adequate rigour and will have conceded a decade's advantage to our international competitors," he said.

Labour's women try to ban men from key seats

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MEN will be banned from standing as MPs for most of the Labour party's winnable seats under a radical plan drawn up by the party's leading women.

The plan agreed by the women's committee, to be presented to Labour's ruling national executive later this month, allows only women to be eligible as parliamentary candidates in key seats.

John Smith is understood to be sympathetic to the need for such drastic measures to meet the party's commitment to equalising the number of male and female MPs by the year 2000. If supported by the national executive, the measures will go to this autumn's annual conference for approval.

Unusually, the Labour leader sat in at this week's meeting of the party's all-female committee, chaired by Clare Short, MP for Birmingham Ladywood, which approved the plan.

The centrepiece is a requirement for all the regional offices to set aside about two-thirds of their best seats as "women only". Potential male candidates would not be eligible to apply. The seats would be either those held by Labour or marginals considered highly winnable.

The Short plan reveals the frustration of the party's women campaigners that, despite the long-standing target of 50 per cent women MPs by the turn of the century, little progress has been made.

In this parliament, Labour has 37 women MPs as against 233 men. In total there are 59 women out of the 651 MPs. By comparison only ten Labour women were elected in the 1983 general election and 21 in 1987.

The party has adopted positive discrimination measures to guarantee women better representation at all levels of the party machine, including in the shadow cabinet, but stopped short of banning male parliamentary candidates. However, support was voiced at Labour's national policy forum at the weekend for further steps to push up the ratio.

Other measures recommended by the Short committee to the national executive will include special training, confidence-building sessions and inducements to encourage women to stand for election.

The initiatives have not been welcomed by all Labour women. Ann Carlton, formerly a senior party official, yesterday urged Mr Smith to stamp out the "quota madness" now. The women-only shortlists plan was a euphemism for banning men from becoming Labour MPs, she told a meeting of Tower Hamlets Fabian society in east London.

"A bizarre combination of harridans, women politicians recognising a short cut to preferment, trade union leaders seeking new members, and silence from most party members is propelling Labour into adopting women's quotas."

Ms Carlton criticised existing quotas which quaranteed women a minimum number of places, irrespective of their ability, in the shadow cabinet, local party offices and, from this autumn, on the national executive's constituency section.



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Government must take a lesson from Patten's failures

When John Patten heard about the report in *The Times* yesterday that John Major was examining compromise proposals on school tests to win over parents and moderate teachers, the education secretary was perturbed. Was Downing Street trying to work behind his back to undermine his determination to press ahead with tests? Such manoeuvres had, after all, occurred frequently during the Thatcher years. The telephones were busy at breakfast time around SW1. John Major was consulted before most commuters had arrived at their offices.

The real story behind yesterday's conciliatory statement is, as often, less conspiracy and more confusion. In the past few months Mr Patten has offered a series of concessions, notably about tests for 14-year-olds and setting up the review under Sir Ron Dearing. That has not, however, reduced the opposition in the education world or the criticism of Mr Patten. He decided that an early announcement had to be made about changes for next year, and put forward a paper which was circulated ahead of a meeting of the ministerial committee on home and social affairs (EDH) which had been arranged for later this week.

The separate strand, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, was the reaction to last Thursday's election results. Tory MPs and party managers warned Mr Major that many voters believed the existing curriculum and testing had become too cumbersome and could not be implemented in the face of the doubts of many usually moderate teachers. The prime minister was told by advisers that an olive branch was necessary to win wider support and in order to isolate the hardliners in the teaching unions.

The publication of the story yesterday changed the timing. The government had to say something, especially since it was education questions in the Commons. Otherwise Mr Patten's position would be seriously undermined. A meeting of the EDH committee was quickly held under the chairmanship of Lord Wakeham which agreed to yesterday's proposals. So in the Commons Mr Major said he stood "four-square" with the education secretary. The prime minister is an enthusiastic supporter of Mr Patten's reforms.

Mr Patten's statement rested on a strong defence of the basic principles of the curriculum and of the testing already under way. To counter charges of a U-turn, this year's tests are to go ahead unchanged since Mr Patten argued that implementation had to be a step-by-step basis and any pause would set back progress. This is largely to save face since there is little the government can do if the boycotts go ahead. One minister said that any results of this year's tests would be a "bonus." The real changes to simplify and streamline the national curriculum and testing will come in next year. They should reduce the workload on teachers and do a lot to meet current concerns.

The government may have ended up with a sensible long-term policy, but at what cost? This year's tests look like being a mess and it will take time to repair relations with many headteachers, parents and governors. Tory MPs have endorsed the thrust of Mr Patten's reforms, despite recent doubts about implementation. Mr Patten's own reputation has obviously suffered and he will have to rebuild confidence on his own side.

There are also lessons for the government as a whole. If ministers are to be more "responsive" and "listening", as the platitudes of the day suggest, they will have to try to and maximise support from the start, rather than being conciliatory only after a long and bruising confrontation.

PETER RIDDELL

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AROUND THE LOBBY

Curbs on CD prices called for

Labour yesterday intensified the campaign for the price of compact discs to be reduced, claiming that tough measures were needed to force record companies to cut CD charges (Arthur Leathley writes).

As the music industry prepared for today's publication of what is expected to be a highly critical report into CD pricing, Nigel Griffiths, the shadow consumer minister, called on the Office of Fair Trading to take immediate action. "The main music the CD companies listen to is the sound of ringing tills."

Mr Griffiths claimed that CD prices should be reduced from over £13 to £9.99p. "Consumers in the UK have united in protest over the unreasonably high costs of CDs. Unless the Office of Fair Trading takes tough action, I fear the record companies and retailers will not respond by bringing down prices."

The OFT and the Commons national heritage select committee are about to publish the findings of their enquiries into CD pricing. The committee is expected to call today for an enquiry into pricing and a review of copyright laws, while the OFT is believed to favour referring the industry to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Finance bill, committee, third day.
Lords (2.30): Debate on wealth creation.

The Liberal party

THE Liberal party (as distinct from the Liberal Democrats) held two more seats than recorded in last Friday's local election results, according to revised figures from the Press Association. The party held one seat in Berkshire, originally listed by county hall as an independent, and one in Buckinghamshire which was originally included by the county in the Liberal Democrat total. This reduces the Liberal overall net loss to one, and the Liberal Democrat net gains by one to 380, and increases the independent net loss to eight.

US negotiator will use trade weapon to coerce Peking

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY EAST ASIA EDITOR IN HONG KONG

■ China must tread warily when dealing with an American official who knows the country and has President Clinton's ear

WINSTON LORD, American assistant secretary of state, began talks yesterday with the Chinese government in a visit that is likely to set the tone of future relations between Washington and Peking.

High on Mr Lord's agenda are human rights, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and trade as well as important regional issues. Mr Lord is central to President Clinton's views on China and the visit will play a role in the president's decision — due by June 3 — whether to extend to China "most favoured nation" trading privileges which are worth about $3 billion (£1.95 billion) a year to the Chinese economy.

China's different reactions to Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, and to Mr Lord make clear Peking's estimate of the difference between British and American power. Since his speech last October calling for more democracy in Hong Kong, Mr Patten has been called names unusual even in China's rich vocabulary of official abuse. The tirade mounted to new heights during his recent visit to America, during which President Clinton explicitely supported the governor's constitutional initiatives which Peking regards as a negation of past Anglo-Chinese agreements and a sign that Mr Patten is heading a campaign to "internationalise" the Hong Kong question.

At the same time, Peking has denigrated Mr Patten's trip, calling attention to its negligible treatment by the American press and to Mr Clinton's unwillingness to agree to the governor's plea to grant China a continuation of its "most favoured nation" trading status because to do otherwise would cost the Hong Kong economy thousands of jobs.

Yet Mr Patten is only a recent player in the Chinese game. Mr Lord, the senior State Department official with responsibility for East Asia, has been a China specialist since he accompanied Henry Kissinger to Peking in 1971 and later served there as George Bush's ambassador until just before the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown.

From the time he left the State Department in June 1989 until his recent appointment as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, Mr Lord has been an implacable critic of China's human rights record and its arms sales in the Middle East. Mr Lord's criticism of the Bush "softly softly" approach to China and his China briefings for Mr Clinton won him his present position, in which he will be aided by his equally strong-minded wife, the Chinese author Bette Bao Lord.

Mr Lord is now in Peking, where although he is speaking little in public it is understood he is warning the Chinese that, unless they make commitments on human rights, including Tibet, which is a particular sore point in Washington, and stop their sales of missiles to countries such as Pakistan — disclosures on that matter came to light as Mr Lord was setting off for Peking — America will attach conditions to China's trading status.

Britain and China reach land deal

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

CHINA and Britain yesterday agreed to the release of more than 296 acres of Hong Kong land for development in the present financial year, in one of the first joint decisions over the colony's economy since the dispute broke out last October over attempts by Chris Patten, the governor, to introduce greater democracy.

There was considerable relief here as it became clear that China would not use its veto over land sales in the final four years of British colonial rule to punish Hong Kong for Mr Patten's high-profile trip last week to the United States, where he mustered strong support for his reforms.

China has, however, continued to block the release of land for a terminal to extend the capacity of Hong Kong's container port. Like the territory's ambitious new airport development, the Terminal 9 project became embroiled in the democracy dispute early on.

In most years the annual land package, worth hundreds of millions of pounds in government revenues, is decided at a routine meeting of the Sino-British Land Commission before the end of the previous financial year. But this year, China refused to set a date for a meeting, prompting fears that it was prepared to strangle economic growth to force Mr Patten into retreat.

All Hong Kong land is owned by the government, and leased out for development. Since the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong's future, China has had a say in the release of all land in excess of 123 acres a year. Half the revenue is kept until after the handover of the colony to China and the rest goes into government coffers.

Meanwhile, the colony's legislators are up in arms over a government attempt to force Hong Kong British citizens to give up their British Dependent Territories Citizenship (BDTC) before 1997 and to replace it with a new British National (Overseas) passport, widely feared to be less valuable to the holder. The legislators claim the decision was taken behind their backs and breaks earlier promises concerning the BDTC passports.



Patten: won support for his reforms in America

Delhi rioters demand water and electricity

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

PARAMILITARY police have been out in force this week to quell electricity and water riots in Delhi as temperatures reached 45c. Tear-gas shells were fired at 1,000 demonstrators who have spent several days without power or water.

The water and electricity troubles are further confirmation that Delhi is crumbling under the pressure of its rising population, which is nearing ten million. The overburdened telephone system is even more chaotic than usual, and the state of the postal system was summed up by the discovery of thousands of undelivered letters floating in the Jamuna.

Demonstrators set up roadblocks in one area of the city to draw attention to their need for power and water. Many were injured when fighting broke out, and policemen were pelted with stones. Eight hundred people were detained, many of whom were charged with rioting and assaulting public servants. The organisers are planning another protest next week unless water and electricity supplies are restored.

In its desperation to cope with demand, the Delhi Electricity Supply Unit has banned the use of air conditioners at certain times of the day and declared neon signs illegal. Inspectors prowl around the city's residential areas listening for the sound of air conditioners being used illegally.

Several hundred illegal electricity links have been disconnected. That mostly will hurt the poor because all slums are illuminated by illegal connections. According to official estimates, at least a fifth of Delhi's electricity output is stolen.

Despite the curbs, power cuts are becoming more frequent because the electricity supply unit has failed to pay its bills. Coal India, a nationalised company, has reduced deliveries because it is owed millions of rupees, leaving three thermal power stations without enough fuel and plunging much of the city into darkness.

The water scarcity touches everybody. Even the most privileged areas of the city, where diplomats and politicians live, receive water for no more than three hours a day. Other districts go dry for days at a stretch, and when water does return it dribbles out of the tap at low pressure. Half the city's domestic water supply is lost through leaking pipes — which explains why everybody who can afford to do so is drilling boreholes.

Bangkok inferno kills 160

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BANGKOK

AN INFERNO in a doll factory on Bangkok's outskirts killed at least 160 people and injured more than 400, the interior ministry said yesterday.

The death toll was expected to rise as more bodies were recovered from the rubble of the smouldering buildings. Some reports put the number of bodies found at 180 and said that fire alarms had failed to go off.

Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the interior minister, said he was setting up a committee to investigate the cause of the blaze. In an interview broadcast on Thai television, he said that the committee would examine the factory's construction and manufacturing processes.

About 300 of those injured remained in hospital. Most of them suffered burns, smoke inhalation and fractures from jumping out of the burning buildings. The interior ministry said at least 142 of the dead were women.



Doll factory grief: workers who escaped the Bangkok blaze comforting each other yesterday after seeing friends' bodies removed from the smouldering ruins

Appeal for Cambodia security

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN PHNOM PENH

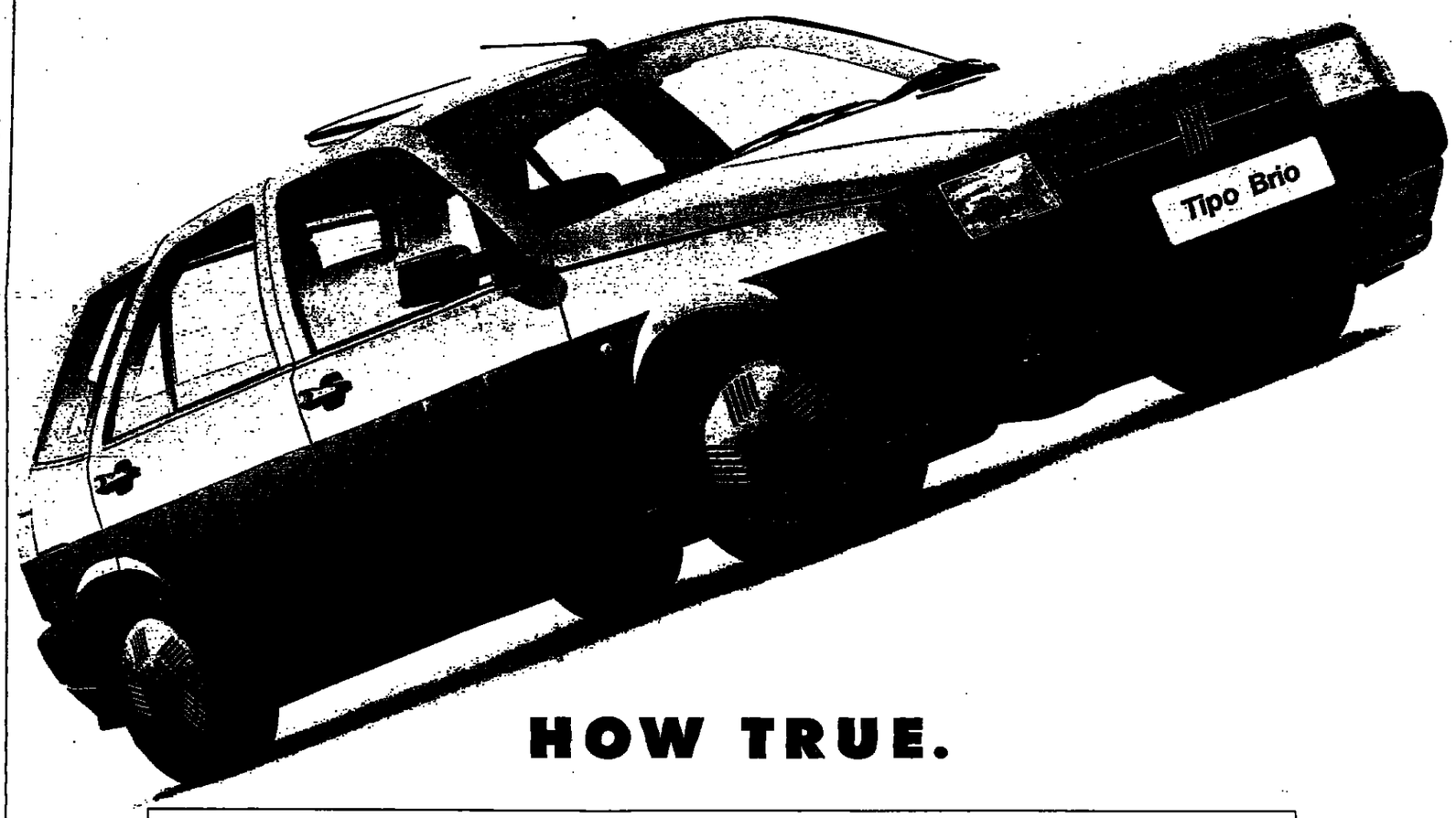
JAPAN, fearing further deadly attacks on peacekeepers in Cambodia, has asked the United Nations to transfer its personnel to safer areas in the run-up to elections here.

Keijiro Murata, the home affairs minister, said that he delivered the request on Monday to Yasushi Akashi, the head of the UN mission in Cambodia, who is also Japanese. "I'm sure Mr Akashi will positively reply to our question," Mr Murata said.

Twelve members of the UN operation have been killed and 44 injured in hostile action since their mission began just over a year ago. Ten have been killed and 30 injured in the past six weeks alone, leading up to the May 23-28 elections.

The Khmer Rouge guerrilla group, which is boycotting the poll, is widely suspected for most of the attacks, although it has denied responsibility. The safety of UN personnel in Cambodia became a high priority in Japan last week when one of its peacekeepers was killed in northwestern Cambodia.

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Rhetoric and betrayal keep Milosevic master of Belgrade



Milosevic: his power has never been greater

BY MISHA GLENNY

SLOBODAN Milosevic rarely leaves his pampered Belgrade dwelling to mingle with the foot-soldiers of Serbian nationalism. So it was with good cause that he descended into the "Celestial Valley" near Pale last week to address the Bosnian Serb assembly. He came to announce the end of the war because the Vance-Owen plan satisfied, as he put it, "the main goal of the Serbian nation — to be free and equal".

His speech demonstrated his chameleon-like political ability at its best. Once upon a time, the main goal was for all Serbs to live in one state. Now the Serbian president was content to wrap defeat in a sparkling mantle of victory.

For the Vance-Owen plan quite clearly prevents the realisation of the Bosnian Serbs' central war aim — to detach the territory under their control from Bosnia-Herzegovina and restore constitutional links with Serbia. Mr Milosevic's strong support for the international mediators implicitly accepts an outcome that would scupper any "Greater Serbia".

The Bosnian Serbs understood Mr Milosevic's intention only too well. When the Serbian president arrived at the assembly, Radovan Karadzic and his cronies lined up to greet their mentor. When Mr Milosevic offered his hand to Biljana Plavsic (the highest-ranking woman in the Bosnian Serb leadership), she refused her hand and turned her head. For Serbs, Ms Plavsic's insult spelt one thing: "Traitor".

So what is Mr Milosevic up to, if not the creation of a Greater Serbia by means of territorial conquest which is perhaps the most common interpretation of the armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia? That is a difficult question to answer because he has always hidden his real intentions behind ambiguous rhetoric. After coming to power in Serbia in the autumn of 1987, he raised the banner of Titoism, or "brotherhood and unity", to justify a campaign aimed at destroying the very entity he claimed to uphold — Tito's Yugoslavia.

■ The Serbian leader's manoeuvres show that his goal is self-advancement rather than a Greater Serbia. Yet the national cause can be reactivated whenever it suits him

That reached its apotheosis during the first Yugoslav war, in Slovenia. Mr Milosevic's tactics in the Slovenia war were designed to eject Slovenia from the federation: Serbs have no territorial claims on Slovenia and the republic's active presence in a Yugoslav war would have drained unnecessary resources from the real struggle, Serb versus Croat. So the Slovene conflict lasted ten days (during which only eight Slovenes died) and the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) used only 2,000 troops.

By encouraging Slovene secession, he pulled the rug from under the feet of the partisan leadership in the JNA. These generals were not Serb nationalists; they were orthodox communists committed to an authoritarian Yugoslavia. Without a Yugoslavia to fight for, they were politically dead and putty in Mr Milosevic's hands.

Next, the master of Belgrade encouraged the Serbs in Krajina to take up arms against President Tudjman's authority. He gave them weapons and political support. Yet the war remained outside the borders of Serbia. Nonetheless, when pictures of Serb victims began to flood Belgrade television, Mr Milosevic was again acclaimed resolute saviour of Serbs. The opposition were presented by the media as spineless traitors prepared to accept a repeat of the genocide against the Serbs in Croatia.

When the war in Croatia was proving too costly for the battered JNA, Mr Milosevic readily agreed to the Vance-Owen plan for Croatia. Milan Babic, his protégé in Knin, realised that Mr Milosevic was preparing to sell him down the river and he fought back. Suddenly Mr Babic's colleagues in Krajina all turned against him, persuaded to agree to a deal that specifically recognised Croatian sovereignty over Serb-held territory.

Two months after the Vance-Owen plan for Croatia was signed, Mr Babic was bludgeoned (almost to death). Nobody defies the lord and master without retribution. Ms Plavsic please note.

Just as he armed the Croatian Serbs, so too did Mr Milosevic build the Bosnian Serbs' war machine. But despite his logistical support for Dr Karadzic, his political support has been less obvious. Support for the Vance-Owen plan is support for an independent Bosnia, whose Serbs may not strike international agreements with Belgrade.

Two years after the war began, Mr Milosevic has never enjoyed greater control over Serbia. The population, battered by sanctions and a profound sociological trauma, is more malleable than ever. In addition, the Serb questions in Bosnia and Croatia have not been solved. Mr Milosevic can put them away to be reopened in the future if need be. The only thing that can destroy Milosevic is a full-scale Balkan war, which is what Western intervention would unleash. Thus his commitment to the Vance-Owen plan.

For the moment, Milosevic has what he wants. He sees no point in prolonging the misery for which he bears so much responsibility. Far from being a Greater Serb visionary, he has fooled everybody, inside and outside Yugoslavia, Serbs and non-Serbs alike, by never committing himself to any strategic goals other than political self-preservation. He has raised the strategy of tactics to the level of policy, and thus far it works.

Misha Glenny is the former BBC World Service correspondent in Central Europe

Border watch plan by EC will put brake on US action

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SCEPTICAL of American plans for military intervention in the Balkans, European countries yesterday pushed their plan to deploy observers on the Bosnia-Herzegovina border with the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia.

Acting to implement the decisions of the European Community summit on Monday, European ambassadors on the security council began consultations on a possible resolution to send monitors to oversee the embargo that Belgrade declared last week on the Bosnian Serbs. European nations hope that, if Yugoslavia fulfils its promise to cut off all supplies to Serb-held areas of Bosnia except for food and medicine, the Bosnian Serbs will be persuaded to accept the international peace plan they have so far rejected.

But fighting between Muslim and Croat forces, particularly around Mostar, has further complicated peace efforts. European diplomats cite this violence as proof that the American proposal to lift the UN arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government is fatally flawed. Intelligence assessments show that, because they control the overland supply routes, Croat forces demand more than half of all weapons now being shipped to the Muslim troops in violation of the arms embargo.

Muslims fear that Croats, sensing the demise of the Vance-Owen peace plan, are trying to create a "greater Croatia" to parallel the Serbs' efforts to construct a "greater Serbia" which would leave Muslims restricted to a small enclave in central Bosnia.

Lord Owen, the EC mediator, has said Serbia's powerful president, Slobodan Milosevic, undoubtedly has the ability to "pull the rug out" from under the feet of the Bosnian Serbs. It was Mr Milosevic who convinced the Serb minority in Croatia to accept a UN peace plan in that former Yugoslav republic last year.

The deployment of border monitors will almost certainly act as a brake on possible Western military action, because the monitors would not only be exposed to Serb retaliation but would also be sitting on bridges and rail crossings that might otherwise be attacked by air.

One senior European diplomat said there was now keen interest at the UN in the border monitor proposal. He conceded that there was no sign the United States was willing to contribute ground troops to the UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia to help police newly declared safe areas around Muslim enclaves — the other key decision of the Brussels summit.

When first asked to draw up plans for sealing the Bosnian border with Serbia and Montenegro last year, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said it would require 10,000 men and cost almost $700 million (£454 million) for the first six months if the operation were to be successful. But the UN has since changed its tune, and now envisages sending a much smaller force of observers to ensure that the Yugoslav National Army keeps the border closed. Chinmaya Gharekhan, a top UN aide, has told the security council that 480 observers would be needed, ten at each of the 48 crossing points between the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia and Bosnia.

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Soldier hurt

Sarajevo: A Spanish United Nations soldier, who was part of an escort protecting a vehicle that was attempting to get blood and medical supplies into the Bosnian city of Mostar, was seriously wounded yesterday as fighting there between Muslims and Croats raged, a UN spokesman said. Spanish troops had been escorting an International Red Cross lorry into the town when a lieutenant was injured in the neck, arms and leg. The spokesman added that the officer was being treated at a United Nations field hospital. *(Reuter)*



Arms exercise: a Muslim soldier aiming a mortar during a training session in Travnik yesterday. President Clinton's plan to lift the weapons ban for Muslims has been thwarted.

Croats accused of 'ethnic cleansing'

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE international community was asked by a top UN official to take a hard look at the motives of the Croat leadership in Bosnia, where he said that what amounted to a "second wave of ethnic cleansing" was going on.

José-Maria Mendiluce, the special envoy of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, speaking in Belgrade, said that Bosnian Croat forces had prevented UN aid lorries from reaching predominantly Muslim central Bosnia for a month and on Monday had savagely beaten up ten UN drivers.

Referring to the beleaguered Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia, he said: "We now have in central Bosnia a big Srebrenica with 1.3 million people completely cut off." In eastern Bosnia, the UN agency also accused "drunken Serb soldiers" of preventing aid workers from entering the Muslim enclave of Zepa.

Señor Mendiluce said: "It is horrible, not just what is happening now, but what some vicious minds are planning." He said that Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, was using the same arguments as those used by Bosnian Serb leaders to argue that Croats could no longer live with Muslims.

What was happening in Mostar and central Bosnia amounted to a "second wave of ethnic cleansing", Señor Mendiluce said.

He also attacked UN officials in New York, saying that their failure to issue sanctions exemption documents for petrol had left 87 lorryloads of emergency food aid stranded at Hungarian border crossings. UN aid convoys to Bosnia would grind to a halt by Sunday.

"There will be no more food — it will all stop because of the brave bureaucrats," Señor Mendiluce said.

☐ A Serbian women's group is launching a national petition in Belgrade to be sent to President Clinton. The "Serbian Women's Appeal for Life" is to ask Mr Clinton to lift sanctions and "to desist from the use of military weapons against us".

Kissinger dilemma besets Clinton

Why old friends fall out

BOSNIA, the American Secretary of State is apparently fond of saying, is a "problem from hell". Quite apart from Warren Christopher's dilemmas in the Balkan civil war, he now has an ugly transatlantic quarrel on his hands.

Washington's abrupt retreat this week from any decision on what to do next about Bosnia-Herzegovina showed that the assumptions which have governed relations between America and Europe for the past 40 years are being violently altered. President Clinton is stuck in a jam almost unknown to postwar American presidents: he can neither lead Europe towards the tougher policy he favours, nor can he act alone and force others to follow him. The standoff will continue at least until the Serb referendum on the Vance-Owen peace plan — a poll that all sides condemn as meaningless.

America is in a classic transatlantic policy jam, George Brock writes

London and Paris set out to sabotage Mr Clinton's plan to lift the arms embargo for Bosnia's Muslims. Perhaps to their own surprise, they succeeded. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Alain Juppé, his French counterpart, then turned the tables. They used Monday's meeting of European Community foreign ministers as the platform to nudge Washington towards the one choice it wants to avoid: deploying American ground troops.

Mr Clinton is facing an old dilemma first described by Henry Kissinger nearly 30 years ago. American presidents, Dr Kissinger said, regularly call for Europe to pursue more cohesive policies and to shoulder a more equal share of defence burdens. But as soon as Europe shows any signs of disagreeable independence, Washington recoils, demands co-operative obedience.

Last week, Mr Christopher toured Europe's capitals bearing what he called Mr Clinton's "direction" towards lifting the arms embargo, but he received a raspberry.

The White House decided not to unveil details of its preference for lifting the arms ban, and Mr Christopher had no real answer to the criticism that he was proposing air raids which might kill Europeans, but would not risk American troops. The episode has left European diplomats wondering if they are not dealing with an American administration of potentially historic incompetence. "I was in Washington during the Carter presidency," said one official, "and this feels the same, only worse."

Dr Kissinger once asked: "When I want to call Europe, who do I ring?" To all intents and purposes, the EC has ceased to count in Bosnian diplomacy and an Anglo-French alliance answers for Europe. British diplomats dealing with France are emitting cheeps of excitement at the friendliness of the new government in Paris.

Sarajevo springs back into café life

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

OPTIMISM about the future is still hard to find in Sarajevo, but restaurants and pedestrian areas, jammed with residents eager to enjoy the latest Bosnian ceasefire and warm sunny weather, abound in the besieged capital.

In cafés all around the city, there are not enough eats for everyone who wants o sit in the sun, sip a drink, and enjoy the calm while it last.

After the freezing old and the deserted street of the past winter and its daily artillery attacks, Sarajevo has jumped to life over the past few weeks as spring weather lures people out of their homes. Since the republic-wide ceasefire cam into effect on Sunday, Sarajevo has seemed more like a festive European capital than a half-destroyed city unde siege. All over town, soldier on their way back from the front and young women returning home are carrying lowers.

The warm sunny weather and the fresh green leaves adorning the few trees that are left this spring have given Sarajevo a new lok of vitality, shifting attenton from the charred buildings and rubble.

Men in light shirts and sunglasses, and women in blouses and shor skirts, overflow into the steets outside many popular cafés. It is hard to go anywhere in the city and not come across a patio full of well-dressed Bosnians returning to the café life they enjoyed so much before the war came to their homes.

On one street, the patrons of two compeing establishments merged in the middle of the street, making it almost impossible for cars to pass.

"It is great to see friends whom I haven't see in a very long time," said Senad Islamovic, having a beer with a pal. "We have to do something to try to find a normal life." But he feared that Serb artillery, two miles away, might still send a few shels into the city, and so suggested the name of the café should not be mentioned.

Colonel Bob leaves a legacy of humane justice in theatre of atrocity

FROM MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT IN SPLIT

LIEUTENANT Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of the Cheshire Regiment, was travelling to Split in Croatia yesterday on his way to Germany, leaving behind in Bosnia the legacy of a British officer who proved uniquely qualified for the job of aiding the victims of a brutal war.

Not for many decades has a British commander become such a household name in a theatre of war, and one in which the world's television cameras have relayed every massacre and focused on every outburst of rage.

In the Gulf war, Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, commander of 7th Armoured Brigade, with his instantly recognisable *Horse and Hounds* features and his sensitive style of leadership, came closest to having a special identity in the public's eyes. But the award for "Personality of the Gulf War" went to General "Stormin' Norman" Schwarzkopf.

In all the conflicts and peacekeeping operations involving British troops in the past 20 years, from Beirut to Bosnia, no single officer has made such a personal impact on the public imagination as Lt Col Stewart. This is partly because of the way he chose to fulfil his mission and partly because of Bosnia itself.

In the six months he has been in Bosnia, he and his men have been forced to act as spectators, witnessing slaughter and indiscriminate shelling of civilians, and seeing, too, "ethnically cleansed" refugees clasping their few possessions as they passed the British camp at Vitez almost every day.

In the first few weeks of his command, Lt Col Stewart used to emphasise the importance of being neutral so as not to undermine the delicate role of providing humanitarian aid to the thousands of refugees on the move. But, as time passed, impartiality became increasingly difficult.

His most famous outburst came after he saw the charred bodies of a Muslim family in a house attacked by Croat soldiers. His rebuke of a Croat officer passing in his staff car was an unforgettable moment captured on television.

Perhaps it is not surprising that the Croatian forces which have been guilty of attacks on Muslims in central Bosnia began to regard Lt Col Stewart as an obstacle to their ethnic cleansing operations. But, if the British officer's outbursts before the cameras helped to thwart further atrocities, there will be few who would criticise his high-profile approach.

Indeed, it has been a special feature of the Bosnian war that personal intervention by a few United Nations personnel, military and civilian, has highlighted the horrors of the conflict and contributed to policy changes in Washington and Europe.

Just as the personal courage and determination of General Philippe Morillon, the French commander of the 9,000 UN troops in Bosnia, forced the Bosnian Serbs to back down on several occasions, so Lt Col Stewart's encounters with the local Croatian and Muslim warlords demonstrated to the world the complexity of this three-sided war.

Gen Morillon made a stand to save the Muslims holed up in Srebrenica from being crushed by the Bosnian Serbs. Lt Col Stewart, in his own way, also helped to save many lives, not just by ensuring that aid got through, but by vigorously trying to keep the peace in his area of operations.

Publicity for its own sake would have been counterproductive, even dangerous. But, if neither General Morillon nor Lt Col Stewart had raised their voices in anger, the world would have remained untouched by some of the worst excesses of the war.

Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan, commander of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, who took over from Lt Col Stewart in a brief ceremony at the Vitez base yesterday, will undoubtedly stamp his own personality on the way the operation runs for the next six months.

His approach, like that of "Colonel Bob", will be largely dictated by the twists and turns of the war. In addition, though, if air strikes are launched by Nato bombers on Serb targets, he will have to cope with the threat of retaliatory attacks on the Vitez camp.



Committed to act: Lt Col Bob Stewart found it more and more difficult to remain "neutral" in Bosnia

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Yeltsin strengthens hand with purge of reform backsliders

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

■ The Russian leader is weeding out those whose zeal for change proved short-lived. Yet their replacements will come from the same military-industrial managerial class

PRESIDENT Yeltsin began his promised purge of the Russian government yesterday with the dismissal of two senior conservative officials who had backgrounds in the military-industrial complex. After his victory in the April 25 referendum, the president had declared that officials opposed to reform should be made to resign.

In another move against the opposition, Mr Yeltsin told a meeting of Russian regional leaders yesterday that they themselves should adopt a new constitution and form the upper chamber of a new parliament. That would mean overriding the present parliament and would be denounced by Russia's constitutional court as well as by the conservative opposition.

Mr Yeltsin told yesterday's meeting that "this gathering should be transformed into a council of the federation which would subsequently become one of the chambers of the future parliament". He added: "That is why you, and no one else, should work on the constitution and adopt it. This meeting will become a constitutional assembly."

However, it is doubtful whether most regional leaders would agree to Mr Yeltsin's proposed constitution, establishing a presidential form of government. On the one hand, regional leaders are pleased by the strong powers that the president's draft gives to the regions and autonomous republics; but on the other many of them are former local Communist bosses who tend to sympathise with the conservative majority in the Russian parliament.

The dismissal of Yuri Skokov, national security council secretary, had been expected. Formerly a Yeltsin supporter, he came out publicly against the president after Mr Yeltsin announced on March 20 that he was taking special powers to circumvent parliamentary opposition.

Mr Skokov is widely expected to be replaced by Sergei Shakhrai, 34, deputy prime minister and a leading reformist. Mr Shakhrai is of Cossack origin. He has won praise for his tough and skilful handling of ethnic conflicts in the north Caucasus, where he has served as Mr Yeltsin's special representative. Mr Skokov, 54, worked for much of his career in military factories in Sverdlovsk where he was close to Mr Yeltsin, then the local Communist boss. After being elected as a deputy in 1989, Mr Skokov aligned himself more with the pro-Gorbachev forces. Mr Yeltsin brought him into office as part of the process of forging links to the class of state industrial managers.

Mr Skokov's turning against Mr Yeltsin reflects a general disillusionment of that class with the reform process, and especially with the decline in central authority. In the words of the liberal newspaper *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, "Skokov's actions are purely influenced by loyalty to state institutions, without any shade of party political allegiance".

The second man dismissed yesterday, Georgi Khizha, 54, a deputy prime minister, rose through the military-industrial complex in Leningrad, where he managed the huge Svetlana plant. After remaining loyal to the democratic government of St Petersburg during the attempted coup in August 1991, he was made deputy mayor and joined the Russian government last May. Although Mr Khizha often spoke in favour of economic reform, in February this year he clashed sharply with reformist ministers when he called for a price freeze. He also made a mess of his brief interlude last autumn as presidential representative in the north Caucasus.

While Mr Yeltsin's sacking of these two men strengthens his hold on the government, this does not mean that reformists are necessarily on the way fully to control it. The truth is that the old state managerial class still has a stranglehold on the big state factories, and those factories still employ most of Russia's population. That makes it likely that most purged officials will go on being replaced by other representatives of the same managerial class.



Young at heart: Hillary Clinton with actress Jane Fonda, left, and Barbara Walters, the television journalist and talk-show hostess, being presented with the Albert Schweitzer leadership award in New York. The Hugh O' Brian Youth Foundation presents the award for achievement in helping young people

ANC tightens its security after plot to kill Slovo

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress is urgently tightening security arrangements for its leaders as a result of the reported discovery of a right-wing plot to assassinate Joe Slovo, a member of the ANC's national executive and chairman of the South African Communist Party.

Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, said on his return from Britain and Germany yesterday that additional precautions were already in place for his own safety.

A report in the *The Star* here said a group of four right-wingers — three South Africans and an East European — plotted to shoot Mr Slovo, 66, as he left home in the Johannesburg suburb of Observatory between May 15 and 21. The newspaper said police were informed late last week.

In a joint statement yesterday, the ANC and the Communist party expressed concern that no action appeared to have been taken and no warning given to Mr Slovo, although police received a full confession last Friday from a right-winger who claimed to be involved in the plot.

After the murder on April 10 of Chris Hani, general secretary of the Communist party, police announced that Mr Slovo's name was on a hit list found in the Pretoria flat of Janus Waluz, the Polish immigrant arrested minutes after Hani was shot outside his home in Boksburg. Mr Waluz is appearing in the Boksburg magistrate's court today with Clive Derby-Lewis, a leading member of the right-wing Conservative Party, and his wife Gaye. All three are charged with killing Hani.

Mr Mandela said yesterday: "We must take the threat from the right wing very seriously, because they are firmly entrenched in government structures." The government should stop issuing warnings about the danger from black activists and "concentrate their attention on the real threat to negotiations — that is from the right wing".



Joe Slovo speaking to the media yesterday

Mr Slovo said he was convinced that the plot to kill him was linked to Hani's murder, adding: "I suspect a much broader right-wing conspiracy to deal with their political opponents, something broader than just meets the eye."

In their joint statement, the ANC and the Communist party said that, while security had been stepped up, "the prime responsibility lies with the state. While we are not asking for police provision of personal security, it is the responsibilty of this government to ensure the safety of all citizens".

Ruth First, Mr Slovo's wife, was killed in 1982 by a parcel bomb believed to have been sent to her by South African agents in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique. He himself has cancer.

The Star named the East European in the plot to shoot Mr Slovo as Peter Slovak, adding that he had come to South Africa from Hungary and had been involved in the Johannesburg underworld. The newspaper claimed also to know the names of two of the other plotters.

America celebrates 50 years of power and rust at Pentagon

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

The Pentagon, with its lights flickering, pipes leaking and floors sagging, turns 50 today. The occasion will be marked with military ceremonies and the award of a plaque as a national historic landmark.

Yet the gargantuan, five-sided, concrete building across the Potomac river from Washington was intended only as a temporary headquarters for America's hastily expanding military establishment during the second world war. Finished in a record 16 months, it became the world's biggest office building with 17½ miles of notoriously confusing corridors and a workforce of 25,000.

With the war over, the Pentagon was supposed to be turned into a government warehouse and the top brass were to move into more modest quarters. The Cold War, Korea and Vietnam put paid to that idea.

Over the years, the Pentagon has entered the lexicon of politicians and journalists as a shorthand phrase for all defence planning and as a building that can think: "The Pentagon believes ...", "The Pentagon says ..." It has also become synonymous with wasting money — bombers costing more than $2 billion (£1.3 billion), toilet seats for $640. During the Vietnam war, it was the focus for huge anti-war marches.

During construction, President Roosevelt quashed the generals' impulse to bedeck the halls with marble. In his drive for economy, he toyed with the idea of a huge square structure with no windows until Henry Stimson, the secretary of war, said he would refuse to work in a building designed as if it were for the cold storage of bananas. So there are five sides and 7,748 windows, most of them now warped and rusted shut.

The Pentagon cost $87 million, more than twice its original budget and a staggering sum in 1943. Today's defence chiefs want $1 billion for structural repairs but are unlikely to get it. They have been told to make do with a grant of $56 million to renovate the heating and air-conditioning, but not enough to eliminate between 20 and 30 power breakdowns a day, and rusted water pipes, and to remove the asbestos from the ceilings.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bush bomb bears mark of Iraqi terrorists

Washington: A car bomb seized in the plot to assassinate George Bush during his visit to Kuwait last month resembles devices used by Iraqis in thwarted terrorist attacks during the Gulf war, officials said (Ian Brodie writes).

The evidence leaves virtually no doubt that the assassination attempt was the work of President Saddam Hussein's government. Members of Congress are demanding that President Clinton retaliate swiftly by raiding Iraqi terrorist training camps.

Kuwait has refused to extradite to America the 16 suspects, 11 of them Iraqis, arrested in connection with the plot. Kuwaiti authorities say that the emir was also a target of the assassination plot and the suspects must be tried in the emirate.

Italian arrest

Rome: Renato Pollini, 68, a former senator and Communist party leader, is the latest politician to be arrested in Italy's huge political corruption scandal. He is alleged to have taken bribes for contracts in the state railway network.

Border threat

Cairo: Sudan is to mobilise its army after rejecting a weekend deadline set by Egypt that it ceases all police activity in the contested, oil-rich Halaib region overlooking the Red Sea, Khartoum radio said.

Soviet poison

Tokyo: The Soviet army dumped at least 30,000 tonnes of mustard gas in the Sea of Japan after the war and the rotting containers threaten human and marine life, *Asahi Shimbun* said. *(Reuter)*

Leader chosen

Asunción: Juan Carlos Wasmosy, of the ruling Colorado party, has been confirmed as Paraguay's president, the first civilian leader in nearly 40 years. Señor Wasmosy won 39.5 per cent of the vote. *(AP)*

Potted history

Peking: Archaeologists in China have found inscriptions on a 4,200-year-old piece of pottery that suggest the Chinese writing system is 1,000 years older than previously believed, a report has said. *(AP)*

Easy driver

New York: Keron Thomas, 16, drove a subway train for 45 miles, stopping at all stations, before he was arrested. None of the passengers noticed anything amiss. *(AP)*

'Yes' vote rallies as Danes step up referendum drive

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

WITH less than a week to go, campaigning in Denmark's second Maastricht referendum has been suddenly galvanised and Copenhagen bristles with posters. Campaign meetings are in full swing and Danes are being bombarded by radio and television programmes inevitably biased in favour of the "yes" side in a country where 45 of the 46 newspapers and seven of the eight parliamentary parties back the treaty.

Most analysts expect a reluctant "yes", but the situation is volatile and the establishment is beginning to show signs of nervousness. The latest Gallup poll, published in the conservative *Berlingske Tidende* yesterday, showed the "yes" vote rallying after a dip at the weekend which threw the stock exchange into the doldrums and wrong-footed the krone. The poll showed 48 per cent of Danes now in favour of Maastricht with 33 per cent opposed and the rest undecided or intending to abstain — a considerable widening of the gap in favour of "yes" since last weekend.

Bolstered by this latest poll, shares yesterday settled on the bourse, with bonds stabilising and the krone firming. Dealers said they expected the market to be tense and solidly focused on the opinion polls during the coming week.

Addressing a campaign meeting, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the prime minister, described next Tuesday's referendum as the Danes' most important foreign policy choice since 1940. But he played down fears that the country risked being forced out of the European Community if there was a second "no" vote.

In Brussels yesterday, sources close to Alain Juppé, the French prime minister, indicated that France would block enlargement of the European Community if Maastricht is derailed by a "no" vote in Denmark or Britain fails to ratify it. Such threats, however, have in the past strengthened the hand of British and Danish anti-Maastricht campaigners.

Both the Danish and British governments attach enormous importance to adding the four countries currently negotiating entry terms with the EC — Austria, Sweden, Norway and Finland — as quickly as possible. France, on the other hand, has always been lukewarm about enlargement.

French sources also say that, if Maastricht is ratified, the EC's decision-making system will have to be altered. This tense and divisive subject has been rigorously suppressed by those EC governments which have already ratified the treaty for fear of upsetting ratification debates in Britain and Denmark. But the balance of the controversial majority-vote system is bound to be reconsidered before the end of negotiations with the four applicants, perhaps by the end of the year.

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Right-winger agrees to truce with Rabin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday averted the collapse of his government after he persuaded the leader of a coalition partner to suspend his threatened resignation for a week.

He forged a compromise between two feuding coalition partners and succeeded, for the time being at least, in dampening a bitter dispute that could have harmed the Middle East peace talks.

Arye Deri, the interior minister and leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, and Shulamit Aloni, the education minister and leader of the left-wing Meretz party, have agreed to become ministers without portfolio for seven days, while a permanent solution is negotiated.

On Sunday, Mr Deri tendered his resignation and threatened to withdraw his six-seat party from the government, unless Mrs Aloni was removed from her post, where she has alienated the Jewish state's religious establishment with her outspoken liberal and secular opinions. Although Mr Rabin could have mustered the 61 votes necessary to stay in power in the 120-seat Knesset, the support of Shas is seen as vital in broadening his left-wing coalition.

Baganda hail a man born to be king

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT



Mutebi: date set for his coronation

CLAN leaders of Uganda's former kingdom of Buganda yesterday fixed a date for the coronation of the 36th kabaka after the government agreed to allow the restoration of the four monarchies which ruled the region in precolonial days.

Ronald Mutebi, 38, who grew up in Britain when his father, Sir Edward Mutesa, was driven into exile in 1966, will be crowned King of the Baganda on July 24 in an elaborate and traditional ritual on Buddo hill, 10 miles south of the capital, Kampala. King Freddie, as Sir Edward was known, died in London after being deposed. As his fortunes declined, he was forced to abandon lavish nights at the Ritz in favour of a squalid Bermondsey flat.

It is not yet clear how far the central government of President Museveni and the National Resistance Movement will allow Buganda to develop as a separate entity. For several years the Ugandan Conservative Party, which like all other formal political groups is officially banned but quietly tolerated by President Museveni, has pressed for the restoration of the monarchies in Uganda which include the Baganda, Bunyoro, Toro and Ankole.

The central government, however, is anxious to preserve national unity after decades of war and oppression under former presidents Idi Amin and Milton Obote. Publicly Mr Mutebi insists that he does not see the role of kabaka as in any way political and that his kingship will be a cultural focus for the Baganda, who make up about a third of Uganda's 18 million population.

Members of his entourage, however, hope that the ancient kingdom of Buganda, which covers most of southern Uganda and includes Kampala, may eventually return to a political system similar to that established under the British protectorate in 1900. "We would like to see democratic elections to a local regional assembly, which would recognise the Ugandan president as head of state, while the kabaka fulfilled the role of being the largely ceremonial head of the Bugandan state," a member of the crown prince's camp said.

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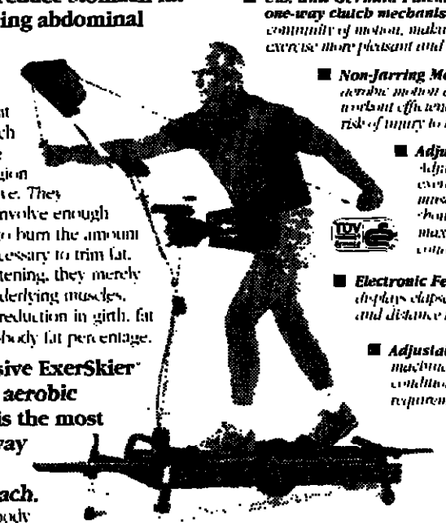
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The silent sufferings of the politicians' wives who are vulnerable to their philandering husbands

Would you marry a minister?

It's just as well that Alan Don't-Care-Who-We-Sell-Guns-To-As-Long-As-They-Pay Clark is fast on his feet. Otherwise his wife Jane, mistress of Saltwood Castle and guardian of all that is civilised in the life of Lord "Civilisation" Clark's 65-year-old adolescent son, would now be serving time as an axe-murderess.

This was no plot, like the one hatched at Saltwood to murder Thomas à Becket: this was the hot-blooded reaction of a sorely-tried political wife to her husband's revelation of his latest affair. She threw an axe at him and he ran like hell.

The former defence minister is, as you will have heard, about to publish a brilliant and completely unsanitised diary that will enthral the multitude and make the Tory Party cringe. His wife Jane, having apparently decided that cringeing was not for her, has given a splendidly frank interview in which she describes life with "an incredibly gifted, vain man who cannot resist people saying 'My God, you're wonderful'."

Her philandering husband is not, she says, a very good liar. She always finds out, and that's when she throws things at him — generally china, but on one occasion an axe. How different, how very different, from the home life of our own dear Queen, as the stout matron said on seeing Bernhardt's Cleopatra.

It may not, however, be so very different from the home lives of many political wives. What politician is not, after all, a vain man who thinks himself incredibly gifted, and who cannot resist people who think he's wonderful?

(The answer is not a vain woman who thinks herself etc, etc, because such a woman knows the admiration infrastructure of the gentleman's club in Parliament Square is designed to cater to peacocks, not peahens.)

I formed this cynical view during a spell spent working at the Commons as general fetcher and carrier and watching the secretaries at work. They divided into three types:

There were the star-struck birds of passage, who doled out admiration and received much back, on account of their legs; there were the MPs' wives who thought the best way to keep their men out of trouble was to open their post; and there were the hard-bitten professionals who ran the constituency, did all the political work bar giving the speeches and knocking back the gin and tonics, showed astonishing finesse in ensuring that wives and mistresses never suffered the embarrassment of a diary clash, and referred to the boss — in tones that left no room for doubt about the *double entendre* or their own contempt — as "My Member".

After the 1979 election campaign, an experienced Tory wife gave a little talk to some of the wives of the new intake. Built foursquare, she planted herself on



MARGOT NORMAN

a chair, leaned forward menacingly and brandished a British Rail ticket in one hand and a pair of knitting needles in the other.

These, she explained, were the keys to a long political marriage. Her proud boast was that she had never, in 30 years, let her husband spend a whole night alone in London. She must have travelled hundreds of thousands of miles and knitted as many yards.

I don't know who her husband was, but he must have had an awesome collection of sweaters.

Perhaps Sophie Brown would not have married the bibulous George had this formidable dame whispered in her ear beforehand.

Peter Paterson's excellent new biography of his Lordgeorgeship quotes these pathetic lines from an interview she gave *Woman* magazine after her husband ended 45 years of marriage by walking out on her, whistling, as she was hanging the presents on the tree on Christmas Eve: "I'd sat on a thousand platforms for his 'public life', been alone for a thousand nights for it, packed a thousand suitcases, smiled when I felt like crying, kept silent when I felt like screaming . . ."

"Poor Sophie" (as her husband's friends apparently all called her) was regarded as an appendage of little account. Two years after her husband, who was a bottom-pinching cockney flirt rather than a cavalier in the Clark mould, had moved in with his secretary she wondered if his old friends even knew what had happened. The only person who went to see her was Mary Wilson. Well she, at any rate, would have understood.

In the Whips' Office, where they have to know which phone number to use in the middle of the night, they know all the Sophies who fell for the young firebrand in the Labour League of Youth, bore its successor, married him young, and then got grown out of.

There are not many Jane Clarks out there running castles for their knights to come home to, but the whips know dozens of Tory ladies of Shalott toiling in the constituencies of men who, with the character in Dryden's *An Evening's Love* would say "As I am a Gentleman, a man of the Town, one who wears good Cloathes, Eats, Drinks and Wenches abundantly".

Palmerston, aka Lord Cupid, was simply the extreme, aristocratic manifestation of a political type which still exists in all parties.

Practically speaking, a wife must find it damned hard to construct a good marriage out of all the separations of political life, all the dissembling that must be involved in boosting the public image of a man whose feet of clay you are privately all too familiar with, and the sheer lack of time and opportunity to be private together, doing the normal things that husbands and wives do in private.

As Susan Crosland found, the only time tended to be Sunday afternoon. And guess who made a habit of turning up just then when he was least wanted, for tea and theorising? Tony Benn. He was lucky not to have the teapot thrown at him.

Women who are foolhardy enough to marry politicians should perhaps take their cue not from the woman with the knitting needles, or the downtrodden Sophie, but from Jane Clark.

They should stock up on cheap china. She finds throwing things "very satisfying". It must be, because, wonder of wonders, she still loves him madly.

Heights of ambition

Rebecca Stephens wants to be the first British woman to climb Everest.

Walter Ellis reports

ADRIAN BROOKS



In the shadow of Everest: according to friends, Rebecca Stephens "is incredibly motivated and totally infuriating"

C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas l'Alpinisme. Rebecca Stephens, the 31-year-old Kent-born journalist who on Monday interrupted her attempt to become the first British woman to conquer Everest in order to assist an exhausted climber reach safety, may have ruined her chances of reaching the top.

Conditions on Everest have deteriorated since 37 members of a kind of Cook's tour of the world's highest mountain virtually strolled to the summit at the start of the week. Unless there is a marked improvement and Ms Stephens has been able to gather her strength, the honour she seeks may yet fall to Alison Hargreaves, who embarks for the Himalayas later this year.

> 'The biggest problem at altitudes above 8,000 metres is often just putting one foot in front of the other'

Ms Stephens's family and friends in England will not, however, be in the least surprised if she defies the odds and goes for broke. Although she has been mountaineering for just four years, she is remarkably determined and superbly fit.

Such family encouragement might yet do the trick — as might the realisation that being the first British woman to reach the summit of "the British mountain" could be worth a small fortune in sponsorship deals and supermarket openings back home. When Christine Janin achieved the feat for France in October 1990 — one of 16 women to have followed in the size-four bootprints of Junko Tabei, of Japan — it changed her life. She has become a celebrity in France and is virtually able to pick and choose which expeditions she will accompany and who will be allowed to pay.

Here, Terry Wogan, Michael Aspel and all the others on the British chat-show circuit would be queuing up to secure the appearance of the first British woman to reach Everest's peak. There would be a book, of course, and possibly a documentary. After years of trying, Ms Stephens would at last have "arrived".

So why did she risk blowing her chances on Monday? True, Harry Taylor, who had already been to the top without supplementary oxygen, needed help in getting back down to the forward base at South Coll. But there was a team of sherpas ready for the task (this is, after all, the kind of thing they are paid for) as well as any number of successful male returnees.

Bill O'Connor, one of Britain's most experienced Himalayan specialists, wonders if Ms Stephens had not in fact reached the end of her tether and was grateful for the excuse. "If she had to come down, it must have been because she couldn't go up," he said yesterday. "The South Coll is a living hell. It's one of the windiest and bleakest places on earth. When you get back there, you have a lot of recovering to do and it's bloody hard to go back up."

Against that, Ms Stephens is known to be made of stern stuff. Mr O'Connor, who says her technical abilities and experience are "strictly limited", also acknowledges that it is often sheer grit that counts on Everest, and that this is where the British woman scores highly.

Her mother agrees. "She is gutsy, and she's fit and strong. If she wants to do something, she will get up and do it."

Most of her climbing has been done on Mont Blanc and Mounts Kenya and Kilimanjaro with John Barry, her boyfriend and present team leader.

According to Mr O'Connor, what is significant is that she has also conquered Mount McKinlay, in Alaska. "Mount McKinlay", he says, "is a bit of a plod, like Everest, but high and cold. What she needs now is not so much technical brilliance as fantastic determination. It's very physical. The biggest problem at altitudes above 8,000 metres is often just putting one foot in front of the other."

Back home, as the drama unfolds, Ms Stephens's colleagues at *Residents Abroad*, a financial guidance magazine aimed at expatriates, are convinced she will do it. One said she is "completely intrepid", with a get-up-and-go that fills her friends with envy.

"She is tall and statuesque, with shoulder-length auburn hair, and turns the head of every man she meets. She is incredibly motivated and good at projecting herself, and she is always meeting men on planes who ring her up weeks and months later. In fact, she is totally infuriating."

Another friend, Jonathan Theobald, a freelance journalist, echoes these sentiments. "She did well at school, Tonbridge Grammar, and at agricultural college, and then went into agricultural journalism. But, really, she does whatever she wants to do," Mr Theobald says.

"She skis, she is a good swimmer and in recent years she has taken to travelling to exotic places and writing about them for the *Financial Times*. I ought to be astonished by what she's up to on Everest, but I'm not. It's just the sort of thing she would do."

Everyone knows such a person. Everyone also knows that they are not easily thwarted. But as Rebecca Stephens prepares to "go over the top" one more time this week, she might reflect on the ghoulish example of Hannelore Schmatz, a German climber who made a successful ascent of Everest on October 5, 1979, and subsequently froze to death in the vicinity of the South Coll.

Like those of a number of other Everest victims, her body has never been recovered. It sits still in its bivouac, perfectly preserved, buried somewhere in the drifts. Remembrance of such tragedies may, for Ms Stephens, be another mountain to climb.

'Item by item, a new book unpicks Anita Hill's testimony'

Clarence Thomas, the United States Supreme Court justice, no longer reads newspapers or watches television news. He gives no interviews. He avoids public places. He has sold his Washington home and retreated to rural Virginia. Since his hairsbreadth Senate confirmation 18 months ago, he has immersed himself in his work. He perhaps hopes that through sheer industry he may one day erase the memory of that grotesque October weekend when he endured what he called the "high-tech lynching" of an "uppity black man" by a committee of all-white senators.

> Feminist groups are furious at the attack on their heroine's veracity

Still burning with resentment, Judge Thomas is said to have told friends that he intends to serve 43 years on the court. That was how old he was at the time of his confirmation hearings. That was how long the world had "stuck it to him". Now it was "pay-back time".

But Mr Thomas is finding it hard to slip back into anonymity, for Anita Hill unleashed forces far beyond her control when she calmly told the Senate judiciary committee — and tens of millions of television viewers — how her former boss at the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) had behaved a decade years earlier. Mr Thomas had, she claimed, bragged of his sexual prowess, described lurid and bestial pornographic films, boasted of the size of his penis and pressed her for dates. It was a portrait of the black man as sexual savage, with the added twist that the painter was black herself.

Ms Hill's assertions and Mr Thomas's furious denials were irreconcilable. One or other had to be lying. Sides were taken on the basis not of the evidence, but of partisan loyalties, ideology and gender. The right saw Professor Hill as the personification of a liberal plot to stop a conservative nominee by all means possible. To feminist and civil rights groups she was a heroine who had the courage publicly to challenge what she later called our "misogynist society".

Mr Thomas was confirmed, albeit by the narrowest margin of any Supreme Court nominee in 110 years, but it was Ms Hill who caught the imagination. She became a symbol of men's mistreatment of women and inspired a potent new wave of American feminism.

Capitalising on female disgust with a male Senate that "just didn't get it", record numbers of women ran for and were elected to Congress last November. Ms Hill was lauded as "everywoman" by Barbra Streisand who declared: "We saw ourselves sitting in that chair and we felt violated." She was fêted by Hillary Clinton who suggested that all women who cared about "equality of opportunity, about integrity and morality in the workplace" were in her debt.

Ms Hill was one of *Vanity Fair*'s women of 1992 and was honoured by the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. She has lectured at Harvard, Yale and America's other leading universities for five-figure fees. Her testimony changed social attitudes.



Hill: inspired a new wave of feminism

The EEOC last year recorded a 45 per cent increase in sexual harassment complaints. In a dramatic reversal of their fortunes, enrolment at all-female colleges jumped 10 per cent. Senators Brock Adams, of Washington, and Bob Packwood, of Oregon, had their careers undermined by sexual harassment charges that had for years lain dormant, and the navy tried but failed to suppress the Tailhook scandal involving sexual assaults on scores of women at a pilots' convention in Las Vegas.

In the immediate wake of the confirmation hearings, opinion polls suggested the public believed Mr Thomas rather than Ms Hill by a two-to-one margin. But within a year, a majority believed Ms Hill, though no new evidence had surfaced on either side. Not, that is, until the publication last month of *The Real Anita Hill: The Untold Story* by a journalist, David Brock.

Item by item, Mr Brock unpicks Ms Hill's testimony using previously untapped sources. She had been encouraged to leave the law firm she was with before joining Mr Thomas at the Department of Education. She would not have lost her job had she decided to stay at education rather than move to the EEOC with Mr Thomas. Her leading witness, a Californian judge named Susan Hoerchner, claimed Ms Hill had complained of sexual harassment in the spring of 1981 — six months before she went to work for Mr Thomas. His telephone logs showed she called him after she had returned to the University of Oklahoma, not the other way round. She invited him to lecture at a law school. Far from being the strait-laced Republican she appeared, Ms Hill had by the time of the hearings immersed herself in the racial and feminist politics of the campus.

Inevitably, the book has caused a furore. The left has denounced Mr Brock, who indeed writes for some conservative publications, as a right-wing hatchet man. The right has seized on the book as proof that Mr Thomas's ideological enemies, not just Ms Hill but those in the Senate who leaked her earlier confidential testimony to the media, were engaged in character assassination.

Ultimately, Mr Thomas will have a greater impact than Ms Hill. His hardline conservatism has become abundantly apparent through his writings. He consistently opts for the narrowest interpretations of the Constitution, repudiating the judicial activism of more liberal colleagues. He supports new restrictions on the rights of death row inmates, opposes abortion rights and, in the words of a spokesman for the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, "sides in almost every instance with the powerful over those without power".

His most notorious judgment to date was that prison guards who beat a shackled prisoner did not violate his constitutional guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment. The court was not entitled to expand the constitution to "address all ills in our society," he declared. The confirmation hearings were the left's only chance of preventing Mr Thomas dispensing judgments like that for literally decades to come.

MARTIN FLETCHER

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All tied up with a place to go

Alice Thomson squeezes into something more uncomfortable to experience the disciplines of bondage at the Corset Ball

Making your way down in the lift a woman greets you wearing only a feather boa, a deep purple corset and fishnets with holes in them. While you are waiting for a drink at the bar a man dressed from head-to-toe in blood red rubber, including full-length gloves, Balaclava and stiletto boots orders a mineral water. Welcome to Fantastic's Corset Ball, the tightest ever thrash held for fetishists, which took place last Saturday at The Vox in Brixton, south London.

Fetish underwear has been moving slowly into the fashion mainstream. Inspired by Issey Miyake, who introduced the plastic bustier, other designers picked up the idea. Jean Paul Gaultier made a conical bra and Vivienne Westwood designed a baroque bustier. Dolce & Gabbana began experimenting with rubber, leather and PVC. Then, in the late 1980s, Madonna wore underwear as outerwear, made breasts a woman's frontline weapon and pioneered the empowerment of females through corsetry. Out have gone the subtle eroticism of a glimpse of underwear, an involuntary show of lace or a bra strap slipped off the shoulder. In are bold breasts, waspy waists and bared buttocks. The Corset Ball was a celebration of hourglass bondage. Organised by Pagan Metal, a corset designer shop, it was supported by *Skin Two*, a high-gloss magazine for fetishists, and The Vampyre Society. There was a strict dress code at the door: rubber, leather, PVC, corsets.

Buying something to wear to the party was nerve-racking. Despite its new relationship with high fashion, I have shied away from remedying nature's deficiencies with a corset and have always thought rubber sounded too sweaty. At Libido in Camden you had to brave builders to enter the leather-draped shop. A 20 stone middle-aged client was fumbling through some petite rubber shorts with two young girls, one of whom was sitting on a spiky black rubber chair. "Want something love?" I decided to leave.

Next stop was the Skin Two shop which is tucked away at the wrong end of Ladbroke Grove. The boutique does everything it can to allay your fears. Classical music plays and people are left to browse through tastefully arranged rails stacked with rubber and leather items.

After much dithering, I picked out a demure black satin corset and disappeared into the changing room. But after struggling for half an hour with bones digging into my hips, I had to call the assistant. "First you have got to chose a corset two sizes smaller than your waist. Then you've really got to suck yourself in. A good corset can take five inches off your waist," she explains.

Surely corset-makers had heard of lycra? "You wouldn't get the same uplift and cleavage." Once into the garment I felt very safe and very upright but I wasn't looking forward to supper and I had fears of hyperventilating on the dance floor.

"I could just stand here and watch them all night," says the bouncer at The Vox who is escorting me down. And that seemed to be the main purpose of the event — to see and be seen. When you got tired of looking at everyone there was a fashion show to see, a photographic exhibition, or three bands to listen to, including The Pleasure Victims and Salon Kitty, and a dance floor packed with what looked like grasshoppers in armour-plating. Upstairs, Pandora Gorey is sipping water and looks as though she might snap in two, her red corset is so tight. "Today my waist is 18 inches, but I'm bloated," she says. Miss Gorey is a member of the Gracious Modern Corset Society, which organises international smallest waist competitions. She trains for several weeks before competitions. She explains, "women have plenty of space down there", and that it is necessary to push the internal organs down for her custom-made corsets.

> 'It sculpts my body. You can never be casual in a corset'

"I'm an insurance clerk so I don't often wear my corset to work but when I do the men really like it and I feel more bossy. It's like being a vase of flowers because you burst out of the top. The younger generation may have been bought up on page three girls but deep down inside they are fascinated by corsets," she says.

It's hard to pin down your average corset wearer. The appeal can be visual or sexual pleasure, or both. Some people wear them 24 hours a day and only take them off for a bath. "It sculpts my body and accentuates my breasts so I feel voluptuous and glamorous. You can never be casual in a corset," says Maria Manson, a secretary from Luton, in a frilly white number. "Everyone is obsessed by Aids and being too provocative is out but a corset is just a tease and delays sex. I see it as my protection. Now I must go and rescue Emma. She's being chased by the black plastic man."

Vanessa's husband, Bill, collects old corsets and they are both fascinated by their history. "Body discipline has been around for years. The corset was first worn by Cretans and in the 16th century and early 17th century they were used to flatten breasts. Scarlett had problems with hers in *Gone With The Wind* and my mother used to wear a Spirella spiral steel stay. It is easier than going to the gym and far sexier," Vanessa says.

Nobody is interested in arguing whether the corset represents a reactionary restraint. They are all wearing corsets for their own pleasure and many cross over into other fetishes.

There were backless dresses and bottomless trousers. Scots in kilts with thigh length boots and a girl in a full-length turquoise rubber dress with matching eagle tattoo. Goths with rat-ended hair and black boots draped themselves across the bar while vampires in Victorian velvet bustled dresses and long black gloves leaned on fetish sculptures.

The party spanned all ages. There were retired men in silver PVC catsuits, paunches protruding, who danced until 3am to the refrains of *We'll Never Be Respectable*, a television producer and a group of serious London clubbers. The ladies lavatories were packed with transvestites rearranging their locks and pulling in their corsets to get that hour-glass figure.

The Vampyre Society, which boasts 300 members, is usually more interested in art, literature and theatre dedicated to the vampire but members also like to dress up for the odd night out.

Carole Bohanan, an art director, is their organiser. "We get accused of being Satanists but the nearest we get to rituals is opening a bottle of wine. We don't accept people who drink blood or really think they are vampires," she says. "The point of the society is to get vampire lovers together for picnics and to dress up in Victorian bridal clothes, which we get from auctions. Our motto is Sex, Death and Fancy Dress. But don't describe me as a Goth. Goths are a bit po-faced and heavy for us. You would upset a Goth if you said you liked Bony M." Velda Lauder, an ex-model, is the designer for Pagan Metal and the organiser of Fantastic. "Here you can see the avant-garde, new bands, new designers and new artists fusing with the sexual underground. My designs include futurist fetish fashion for warrior women. We don't care about age but you need an open mind," she says.

A little light corsetry or a rubber skirt, perhaps, but aren't the connotations alarming? Ms Lauder says: "People who are into fetishes are not insane perverts. They are often less promiscuous, just more inventive with their chosen partner.

"Many are in long-term relationships and have the confidence to act out some of their sexual fantasies. I feel like London could do with this type of club. Most places are so repetitive and boring."

GRACE LAU



Bound up: the main purpose for guests at the Fantastic Corset Ball seemed to be to see and be seen

Darling, you look grungey



RACHEL KELLY

Do women dress for their men-folk? The answer, at the moment, is not if they are fashionable.

A cursory spin through the fashion rags reveals that they are full of just that — rags. Waifs parade in layers of over-patterned limp dresses, in a style dubbed "Grunge". The idea that "grungey" might one day be used as an alternative to "gorgeous" is unthinkable. "You are looking very grungey tonight, darling", does not trip off the tongue. The word has already been bastardised in my household to mean "You look a mess" as in "Oh dear, you do look grungey".

The last time that there was a long-standing, genuine marriage of high fashion and dressing to appeal to men was probably the 1960s. The era of mini-skirts and see-through dresses at once filled the pages of *Vogue* and men's desires.

High fashion and sex-appeal parted ways in the 1970s with the trouser-suit, and the union only briefly reasserted itself in the 1980s with power dressing. Suits emphasised womanly curves; high heels restored a womanly wiggle.

The other great fashion innovation of the 1980s was the "body". If ever a fashion item appealed to women but not to men, it's the body. Few men even know what a body is, and fewer still approve when they find out. A body is a T-shirt, shirt or jumper with knickers attached that button underneath. I've expressed myself as elegantly as a I can, but most men are left reeling. "What, you mean it's like nappies, with poppers? But what about going to the loo? And isn't it frightfully uncomfortable?" they say, and they are right.

But to be swayed by that reaction is to miss the point of fashion for most women. Being fashionable is not to dress for men. It is chiefly to impress other women in a subtle game obscured by the seemingly friendly exchange of "Gosh, that's a nice suit," followed by, "Last year's Moschino?" — which manages to be insulting while seeming to compliment. Most men wouldn't know who Moschino was.

Fashion isn't just about point-scoring. It's about friendship and identification with one's sisterhood too. What do girls do when they want to be friends? Go shopping together. Exchanges about clothes are often code too. Tell a girl friend how nice her dress is and what you are really saying is that you want to be her friend.

All of which leaves women in something of a pickle at the moment. How can they at once be fashionable, and get on with their girl friends, and please their husband/lover/boy friend who doesn't know about fashion but knows what he likes, and it isn't grunge?

The answer is that most women are a slave to neither. They combine a subtle mix of dressing to please men and dressing to be fashionable and dressing to please themselves. They veer now in one direction, now in the other depending on circumstance, adding in all the other components of attractiveness, such as the way they meet a man's eyes. Right now, grunge is such that many women are avoiding it altogether for risk of losing their man. Others are adopting only the faintest references or alteration to their existing styles as a nod to the fact that they read *Vogue*.

Though it is politically incorrect to admit it, women know perfectly well what it means to dress for men and the advantages it can bring. The arrival of feminism meant that it has become impossible to discuss the subject. Advertisements for top-flight personal assistants mention the need for "excellent presentation" by which they mean a sexy, well-dressed woman. David Montgomery, when editing *Today*, became well-known for his penchant for women in red suits with short skirts, who in turn became known as the "Killer Bimbos" of Fleet Street.

But such styles are the opposite of fashion: they are about fairly timeless images of sexuality (though we have come a long way from the curvy sea-side postcard) — not the monthly shifts that are the staple of fashion magazines. Ultimately, dressing for men is not about putting clothes on — it's more about how you take them off. Fashion, I'm afraid, hardly comes into it.

What makes French women so wonderful?

Film stars in France remain tantalising and elegant well into their later years

ELECTRIC PICTURES



Still haunting men's dreams: Catherine Deneuve has become more seductive with age

A rather short, middle-aged grandmother will climb the steps of the festival palace in Cannes tomorrow night, and kick a million male minds into a state of helpless longing.

Catherine Deneuve, the Most Beautiful Woman in the World, stars in the opening film of the Cannes festival — Andre Téchiné's *Ma Saison Preferée*, a tale of a brother and sister coming to terms with death and middle age, in which among other things, Mme Deneuve discovers herself with the help of an appropriately elegant and brief *aventure*, no one would call it a mere "one-night stand", with a stranger.

The festival will close with the long-awaited return to the screen of Isabelle Adjani, in Philomène Esposito's *Toxic Affair*. Even on one of her poutiest days, Mlle Adjani is the kind of broad for whom, as Philip Marlowe once quipped, a bishop would kick a hole in a stained glass window. What is it that makes the mystery and erotic powers of French actresses deepen after they have become of a *certain age*?

The list of France's excruciatingly alluring *femmes fatales* is long, but just think of Michèle Morgan, Danielle Darrieux, Jeanne Moreau and more recently Anouk Aimée (now 51), Fanny Ardant and Stephane Audran. A new candidate for the unapproachable and dangerous older woman is Carole Bouquet, who, though only 34, exudes more than a healthy dose of illicit mystery as Jean Rochefort's voracious wife in the recent Philippe Noiret comedy *Tango*. She joined the unattainable stakes 16 years ago when she bewitched Fernando Rey in Bunuel's *Obscure Object of Desire*.

All these women went on haunting men's dreams, or are still doing so, well into the years when American actresses are supposed to be playing mothers or are out of work, campaigning for whales or Aids or marrying media moguls while their British sisters are busy with comedy or E.M. Forster. It was not always like that, of course. Hollywood used to have its grandes dames and femmes fatales, but it is a long time since the likes of Joan Crawford or Susan Hayward.

Only one recent great French star has really failed in seductive staying-power as she has approached senior citizenship: Brigitte Bardot. But then, the screen image of BB, who is now 58, was the essence of the man's plaything, never an independent power. A younger generation which knows nothing of the sex symbol is aware of Mme Bardot only as the somewhat eccentric campaigner for stray dogs and mistreated donkeys.

A woman is expected to become more seductive with age, remaining an object of desire. French men have none of the sense of danger and taboo that afflicts their puritan Anglo-Saxon brothers. As an illustration, the number two best seller in France this month is a dialogue on the pleasures and pain of love between Françoise Giroud, 76, the writer and former minister, and Bernard Henri-Levy, the 44-year-old celebrity philosopher. Mme Giroud, France's first women's affairs minister in the mid-1970s, states that desire cannot last longer than 15 years in any couple, so it is normal to expect a woman to seek other lovers.

American film critics had a hard time explaining that in *Indochine*, the three-hour epic for which Deneuve was nominated for the best actress Oscar this year, the plot revolves around her love affair with naval lieutenant 20 years her junior. In the film's most famous scene, Mme Deneuve seduces the sailor in the back of her chauffeur-driven car.

For Deneuve admirers, there was the added *frisson* of remembering back to a similar scene in the 1980 film *Le Dernier Métro* when she had her way with Gerard Depardieu under a table in Occupied Paris. Mme Deneuve also managed to shock the Americans by being forthright about her character's taste in younger men. "Latin people, not only the French, are romantic about older women," she said recently. "I don't think there's anything wrong with an older woman making love to a younger man."

A big part of the attraction of the older actresses is a strength of character that men find tantalising. Of course looks are vital, but they are not everything. Mme Deneuve is beautiful by historic standards, but she is outclassed in the physique stakes by dozens of Hollywood inferiors. However much of her aura comes from projecting an iron will, a trait shared with all those potent Frenchwomen of history, from Mmes de Sévigné and Pompadour to Colette and Coco Chanel. Mme Deneuve knows her own mind. In the early sixties, the teenage Deneuve upset the censorious not only by having an affair with the much older Roger Vadim, the man who "created" Bardot, but by having his child and refusing to marry him. This independence, repeated when she refused to marry Marcello Mastroianni in the same circumstances, caused Depardieu to come up with his oft-repeated line that "Catherine is the kind of man I would like to be".

Perhaps the secret of the eternal power of Mme Deneuve and her sisters is their ability to keep their distance, a notion no one seems to have explained to Sharon Stone and the bare-it-all sirens of modern Hollywood. Mme Deneuve, who has starred in 71 films, says her trick is to manage to "give of myself at the same time as being elusive".

"Instead of giving the audience your fantasies completely, I think it is more interesting to give them a place where they can imagine things instead of knowing everything. Maybe that is very French."

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Alan Coren



■ This novel type of theft leaves me feeling quite lost for words

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If that's what it was. I have no way of assessing exactly what it was I waved goodbye to, which is why my days are spent staring at a claim form. Nor did I wave goodbye to it personally, since I was a thousand miles away when it went; if I had not been, it would not have gone, because the bastard who last week put a jemmy to the shutters of my little French bolt-hole and sheared off its little French bolts would have been working his night shift at some other, unoccupied target.

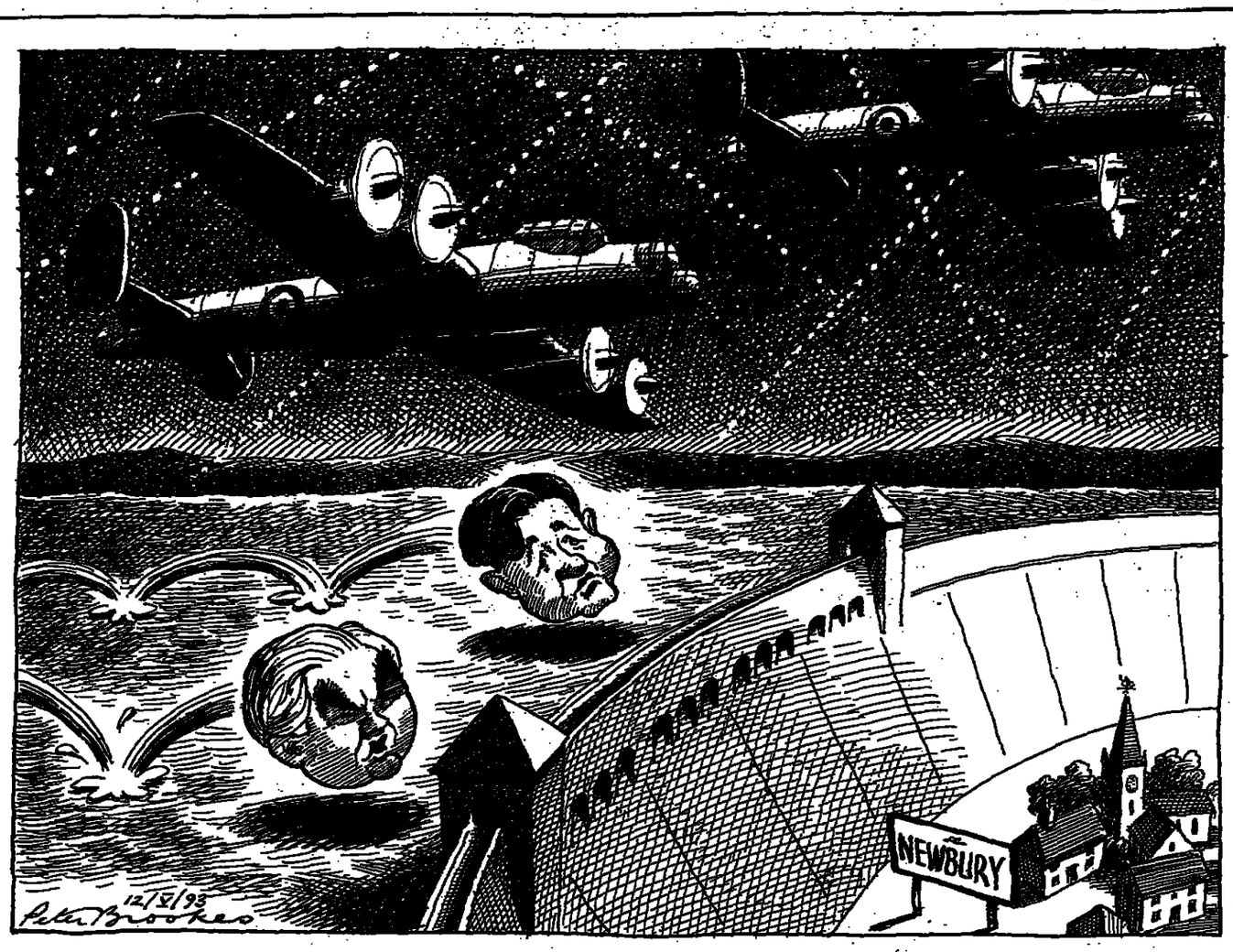
What, then, was nicked, and why do I not have the remotest idea what it was worth? Well, what was nicked was the familiarly nickable, a television set, a VCR, radios, binoculars, phones, a few other bits and bobs, and a computer. Hang on, you will mutter, what is he going on about, that's never a million quid, he must know what that stuff's worth, he is a man of the world, why doesn't he just jot it on his claim form and bang it off to his insurers, so that we can all get some peace? That is because you do not know what was on the computer.

For the past year, I have been cobbling a novel. And do not ascribe that description to the bogus humility with which hacks pretend to dismiss their worth: cobbling is precisely what I have been doing. Since subsistence duties leave me no time for fiction, it is only when I take French leave of them that I am able to knock out the odd narrative chunk and nail it on the end of the one I did on the previous trip; or possibly on the front of it, because you can do that, with a computer. Thus, by these spatchcock means, the novel had lurched its way to some 20,000 words, many of them different, but all of them inscribed on the hard disk of my Apple Macintosh. Which, a week ago, fell onto the back of a lorry. My God, you cry, I thought we said he was a man of the world, did he not have the sense to copy this book of his onto back-up floppies? Yes, he did, and he also had the sense to place the floppies next to his computer so that he would know where to find them; for which the bastard with the jemmy will have been extremely grateful, since you do not wish to waste precious time on broken and entered premises poking around for the box of disks which will make a nicked computer even more saleable.

To whom? Need you ask? This is Provence we're talking about: by day the cicadas are inaudible in the rattle of typewriters, by night the glow-worms are upstaged by the flicker of VDUs, for the hills are alive with the sound of expatriate hacks shrieking that they could be the next Peter Mayle, all it takes is one good idea. Well, there is one good idea on the loose there, now, and when I reflect on the obvious customer my thief will seek for an Anglophone word-processor, my heart plummets bootwards. The recipient could well find himself sitting on a goldmine.

Just how good an idea it is, mind, I cannot know, which is why I can't fill in the claim-form box about the compensation I can't assess. Are we talking hardback blockbuster, tabloid serial rights, gilt-embossed transglobal paperback? Are we talking Spielberg, John Thaw, T-shirts, arcade video spin-offs, eponymous fried-chicken outlets? Or are we talking remainder shelves, dog-ears, wonky piano legs?

I may never know, but if I do, I may not want to. Because while I don't have the stomach for a fresh start, whoever inherits the computer won't need one, and if there turns out to be a million in it, it'll be his. Unless, that is, I can sue it off him, which is why I began by telling you how important you were. I don't get much time for reading, and I need your help: should you one day find yourself snuggling into your airline seat with a bestseller beginning: "At 4.20 on the chill morning of January 9, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II slipped a .38 Smith & Wesson into her reticule, and left Balmoral via the laundry-chute", tip me the wink.



Anatomy of a panic

Central government has taken far too many powers into its own hands, and now finds itself unable to juggle them all

Simon Jenkins

Where was I just a week ago? There was to be a by-election in Newbury. It would be a Liberal-Democrat triumph and a Tory catastrophe. I said Newbury would be another Eastbourne or Ribble Valley. It would mean nothing at a general election. Trace marks would survive only if Labour did spectacularly well, which was not likely, or the Tories panicked. Labour did not do well. The Tories have panicked. So what now?

First the panic. A mid-term Tory strategy requires the Liberal Democrats to keep their status as natural dustbin for protest votes. They must not be demoralised into forging pre-election pacts with Labour. In turn, Labour must not become an option for disaffected Tories. Thus it has proved. Labour did nothing at Newbury, and performed poorly in the local elections. The Liberals took their shot of oxygen. Spokesmen for both parties duly promised no pacts.

The loss of the county councils rocked provincial Tories far more than Newbury did. Plymouth University's election study actually detected a small swing from Liberal Democrat to Tory since the last "bloody nose" elections in 1985, but this statistic was obliterated in the weekend hysteria. It was also swamped by tactical switching between Labour and Liberal voters. They colluded, as at Newbury, to drive Tories from office. There is no evidence that they will do the same at a general election.

But the outcome was spectacular. The bad news poured into Downing Street at the weekend as into the camp of a Shakespearean king: "Dorset is fled . . . vile traitor Somerset . . . methought that Gloucester stumbled . . . Wiltshire hath the realm in farm . . . wind-changing Warwick . . . ill-spirited Worcester . . . the filth and scum of Kent." Only "grumbling Buckingham" stayed loyal. Coming on top of Newbury, the ever-delicate prime minister is having a severe attack of Richard II. His lip seems to quiver even as he smiles.

His backbenchers are baying for human sacrifice. When Labour governments are in trouble, they react tribally. They go to their huts, tear each others' eyes out and return, bloody but roughly united, to the fray. Labour's loose confederacy of trade unions, city bosses and constituency parties offers (or used to offer) some proof against panic. The Tories once enjoyed similar shock-absorption. Margaret Thatcher and John Major have smashed it. They brought such quasi-independent institutions as central office, the research department and the regional organisations under tight central command. Worse, that engine-room of loyalty, the National Union of Conservative Associations, has been brushed aside in the cabinet's assault on the independence of county government. Mr Major's innate Treasury centralism removes bulkheads against panic. It leaves the government and its leader exposed.

Mr Major can of course disregard the panic. Prime ministers can do what they like. An emperor is deposed only by assassination. Courtiers can be thrown to the lions at will. If the Colosseum wants blood, then Mr Major will presumably offer the sacrifice. But Newbury will be forgotten. I imagine the sunshine of recovery will soon evaporate Mr Major's wetness and bring his strengths to the fore. The Conrad Black and Rothermere newspapers will discover him to be quite a decent chap: forgiveness will be sealed in a clatter of knighthoods. Today's cries of "Give us leadership" and "Get the message across" mean little. They come from the same people who whinged about Margaret Thatcher's domineering style and her strident presentation.

I am sure that what matters at this stage in a parliament is not the government's personalities but its deeds. It is now that a cabinet buries the bombs that will explode at election time. When battle is joined between Mr Major and John Smith in 1996 or 1997, party managers will throw up their hands and ask, "When did we get ourselves into this mess?" The answer will be now.

The prime minister may feel he has correctly judged his economic-electoral cycle. He can rest less content in other areas of domestic policy. This month alone he needs to take swift corrective action on three: the criminal justice system, railway privatisation and curriculum reform. All were short-term responses to political or ideological pressure. They already suggest that in politics as in war, "things sweet to taste prove in digestion sour".

The home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, says he will rectify the glaring injustice of the means-tested penalty system in the courts. Last week we were told that the disproportionate fines on the rich were a Treasury scheme to reduce public borrowing — if so, a truly medieval abuse of public finance. It was also the Treasury that hijacked and rewrote the complex railways bill. The bill, frequently redrafted, will be spilling subsidy all over the railway — little of it privatised.

But nothing illustrates Mr Major's ham-fisted style better than education. Here was a crystal-clear mandate. The public wanted an end to the politicised state schooling of the 1970s. It wanted a more rigorous classroom regime, more institutional independence and more information about how well children are doing.

What has gone wrong? The answer is that Whitehall has usurped any partnership between parents, teachers and councils. There has been what was called under Labour a "state power grab". Debate, decision and finance have all been concentrated on the minister. I believe boycotting the tests is wrong; but even Margaret Thatcher knew when graceful retreat was in order. By Monday afternoon, Downing Street was distancing itself from testing for this year. Yesterday a bemused Mr Patten was forced to make a curious statement that tests will be less complex and onerous in 1994, but for some reason not in 1993.

The demand for greater school independence could have been met by the "local management of schools" initiative, a reform that has proved widely popular. But the visceral distaste for local councils that Mr Patten shares with his forerunner Kenneth Clarke led him a step too far. He has moved on, into encouraging schools — nay, bribing them — to abandon local status altogether. Indeed he is seeking to dismantle local councils as education authorities, a seismic constitutional reform of which the public is barely aware.

Opting out of local council control has, predictably, meant opting in to Mr Patten's control. Schools must be paid for and admissions planned, since schooling is compulsory. This is now creating what I believe will prove to be the biggest central bureaucracy in Britain since the National Health Service. Only the most hardened socialist could believe such administration will be efficient or responsive to parents or communities. Nationally-run institutions tend to be less accountable, not more, than even the worst local authority ones. Ask any councillor to compare his schools in this respect with hospitals or prisons.

The same dirigisme has been applied to curriculum testing. What should have been the evolution of national standards of literacy and numeracy (and nothing more) by means of voluntarism, inspection and regulation, as in Scotland and the independent sector, has become a monster. The outgoing chairman of the National Curriculum Council, David Pascall, moans in the *Times Educational Supplement* that "teachers seem to be teaching the test". What did he and Mr Patten expect? If they impose upon teachers a detailed curriculum and testing regime, and tell them they will be paid and their schools judged on the outcome, schools will teach the test. This is no surprise. It happened when government last tried "payment by results" in the 19th century. Is history not studied at the education department?

Mr Patten's defenders say he has been let down by his curriculum advisory teams. He did not see the ectoplasm oozing from his department. But a minister undermined by squabbling advisers is a symptom of over-centralised government. Ministers are now biting off far too much. They are nationalising local finance, the police, the universities, even philanthropic gambling (through the national lottery). They are reforming a nationalised railway. Labour plodded the same weary road in the 1940s. Why is Mr Major doing the same?

Modern Conservatism should see a ruler's strength as lying in self-restraint — and only weakness in aggrandisement. Now if only the Liberal Democrats had taken a leaf from Ross Perot's book... But then Newbury might have sent Mr Major a real message.

Where testing works

Private schools can teach a lesson, says

Roy Chapman

Before becoming embroiled in the politics which have led to the current confusion over testing in state schools, John Patten and his advisers might have done a great deal worse than to look closely at the independent school models of testing. Not necessarily with a view to copying them, but with a view to learning from their rationale, their mistakes as well as their successes.

Examinations and tests have an important part to play in education, but not if they overwhelm the curriculum. The independent schools are fortunate, because they are not bound by the national curriculum or by its testing procedures. By-passing the national testing procedures, the independent schools can devote more time to teaching. Even the critics of the independent sector would find it hard to argue that its educational standards are suffering as a result. In most cases, these educational standards are achieved after internal testing on a regular and systematic basis without any of the mystique that surrounds national testing.

Most independent schools have their own entrance and transfer examination at the age of 11+, 12+ or 13+, depending on the school. Some set their own examinations, while others use the examinations set by the Common Entrance Board at each of the three age levels. All of these examinations, and the syllabuses on which they are based, are devised by practising teachers.

The independent schools have been perceived in the past as basing their examinations on a narrow and dated syllabus, but this is no longer the case. The past decade has seen radical changes, designed to provide a meaningful continuum of education from eight through to 16.

History, for example, is no longer a recital of dates and events, but demands an understanding and an analysis of people and events, partly through the study of documents. Geography has moved from a regurgitation of the facts of physical geography, and puts much greater emphasis on human geography, and the interaction between the two. Science is no longer based on the acquisition of information for its own sake, but on learning through practical investigation. French has progressed from the testing of what was effectively a "dead" language to the testing of aural comprehension and of the ability to communicate both orally and in writing. All this has been achieved without compromising standards in either "academic" or "aesthetic" subjects.

So what is the way out of the mess created by confrontation over national curriculum testing? Mr Patten must listen to what teachers want, while teachers must control the statements of extremists, which do so much harm to public perception of teachers.

More testing means less education. Streamlined tests are promised for next year, but teachers now have to spend far more time on administration, testing and reporting than a decade ago, and all this represents a significant loss of teaching time. Teachers' job satisfaction slips, but it is the pupils who are the ultimate losers. Mr Patten should ask himself whether he wants pupils to leave school having been taught to cope with attainment tasks, or having been well educated. Already, what is delivered in schools is led by examinations rather than by the curriculum.

Even now, there is everything to be gained if politicians will sit down with the teachers' organisations for some brain-storming. If this means postponing national testing for a year, so be it. Establishing a system that is widely supported is vastly preferable to pushing on with one that has achieved the well-nigh impossible by uniting all the teaching organisations as well as a significant proportion of parents. The education of our children matters more than the scoring of political points.

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Bicycle made for 12

LORD TEBBIT would approve. The Danish government, as part of its commitment to the environment, is insisting that EC environment ministers attending a summit this weekend should get on their bikes.

But British environment minister David Maclean has upset the applecart. Or rather, the horse and cart. Maclean, who is representing the government at the summit in Aarhus, has flatly refused to take the advice of the former Tory party chairman. "My backside is not conducive to bicycles," he says. "While understanding the desire to spurn the chauffeur-driven car, to set a good example I have suggested instead that we travel around by horse and trap, which is much more ecologically sensitive."

The conference, which will discuss the environment and road transport policy, comes only hours before the Maastricht referendum. The Danish government is determined to create a good image of its presidency of Europe. "We do not want to give the wrong impression, of ministers being whisked to and from meetings in the back of chauffeur-driven cars which eat up the petrol," a helpful spokesman explains.

Maclean, however, is insisting that he is following the sage advice of Willie Whitelaw, his predecessor as MP for Penrith and the Border, never to be photographed in potentially embarrassing positions. "I think a bicycle comes into that category. It could come back to haunt me," the minister says, "particularly as I have never ridden a bike in my life. All sorts of things could go wrong. But I don't think much can go wrong with a horse and trap."



● *Lord Tebbit, however, will not approve of everything he finds on his Maastricht mission. The Copenhagen office of Gallup is doing great business with a daily poll service — the results of which it faxes to subscribers. The good news is a swing towards a no vote. The bad news is that the service is priced in ecus.*

Unpresidented

AN UNSEEMLY squabble has broken out in Oxford, where the students' union is in the embarrassing position of having elected a president who may not be allowed to take up his post. Akaash Maharaj, who became president-elect earlier this year with an overwhelming majority, appears to have fallen foul of his college, St Edmund Hall, which has not given him permission to become president.

The union's constitution states that candidates must obtain permission from their colleges; but it seems that Maharaj, who is expected to be the union's first coloured president, has permission only to become vice-president. "I'm just waiting to see if the college will clarify the situation. I take up the post after I'm no longer a member of the college anyway," he says.

● *Monday was not a good day for the Save Eldorado Campaign. As they handed out petitions outside Television Centre, the BBC's merchandising department was holding a sale of remaindered memorabilia in the centre's bridge lounge. Trade was surprisingly brisk, with BBC staff snapping up* Eldorado *T-shirts for £3 and sweatshirts for £5. "They're doing a healthy trade in there," said one, running away, his arms full of sweatshirts. "I've bought all these because in a few years' time they may be worth a lot of money." But then again . . .*

Party party

JOHN SMITH and Paddy Ashdown will not be pleased. A group of Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs met secretly last night to discuss collaboration in key seats at the next general election.

The most surprising figure rumoured to be attending the private dinner, held at a secret location in London, was Charles Kennedy, the president of the Liberal Democrats and tipped as a future leader of the party. About a dozen Labour and Lib-Dem MPs are believed to have attended.

Calum MacDonald, Labour MP for Western Isles, and Tony Wright, the new Labour MP for Cannock and Burntwood, were also present, along with a select few from the House of Lords.

One guest, en route to the cloak and dagger do, says: "Collaboration in parliamentary seats is what brought us together. The dinner was planned some months before events in Newbury and the county council elections. But they have given it even greater impetus. I hope we get beyond just talking."

And what about Smith and Ashdown? "They weren't supposed to find out."

● *Like father, like son. James, son of Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, is following literally in his father's footsteps. Archer junior, a freshman blue like his father, is running the 800 metres in the Oxford and Cambridge athletics match on Saturday.*

Aged 18, he is at Brasenose like his father, and will be competing for Oxford 30 years after his father sprinted for the same university in the same contest.

Lord and Lady Archer will be cheering on their son, who is reading chemistry. Lord Archer says: "He has got Mary's brains and my legs."

DIARY





Bulldog goes to Washington

BILL CLINTON'S Balkan vacillations might suggest otherwise, but the American president is a fan of Sir Winston Churchill. And before the summer is out, he is likely to be jogging around the White House in a sweatshirt emblazoned with the great man's face.

Clinton has been given the shirt by Pamela Harriman, Churchill's much-loved daughter-in-law and the mother of his grandson and namesake, the MP for Manchester Davyhulme. Harriman, Clinton's new ambassador to Paris is also an honorary member of the International Churchill Societies. David Porter, chairman of the British branch, says: "There is a good chance that Clinton will wear it — he is a great supporter of Churchill and it was a present from Pamela Harriman."

A WHIFF OF SUEZ

The stakes in Bosnia are rising by the day

War in the Balkans has already claimed enough victims. Hopes for a peaceful end to communism in Europe, the credibility of Western promises, the reputation of statesmen — all have been piled on top of thousands of civilians barbarously butchered. Now this bloody conflict is lapping around the very edifice on which democratic values and western security have been based for more than 50 years, the transatlantic alliance.

Europe and America stand noisily divided. The atmosphere is fraught, the tone of public comment derisive. Ministers may try hard to keep their differences within the confines of the White House, the United Nations or the Nato corridors. But journalists are being drowned by leaks pouring out from Washington. The exasperated tone in senators' speeches and officials' briefings point to a perilous incomprehension. There is a whiff of Suez in the air.

Unlike 1956, the chief issue is not the aim of the policy: the Americans and the Europeans desperately want to bring the slaughter to an end as rapidly as possible. But the diplomatic megaphones and misunderstandings all too readily recall that unhappy time. Fumbling diplomacy, driven by the ghastly pictures on the television screens, has been complicated by the deep rifts within each continent. In the United States, the twin traumas of the holocaust and Vietnam have sent public opinion lurching first this way and then that. In Europe, decision-makers have been almost paralysed by caution and realpolitik, while decision-shapers have too often been spurred on by shrill moral imperative alone.

The Europeans have long known that no solution was possible without the United States. But they have been forced to take account of American electoral realities, a weak president and then a new president: this meant a long wait, at a critical juncture in the Vance-Owen plan, while the new administration got to grips with the complexities of Balkan politics and Lord Owen gave the easy impressions of a supercilious Englishman.

The Americans, impatient of a drifting European policy that was hostage to Serbian perfidy, settled on the tougher option of arming the Muslims and carrying out airstrikes, but found, too late, only hostility from their allies. If France were the only opponent, Washington would not be so perplexed; French intransigence is nothing new. But the vehemence of British opposition caught Warren Christopher by surprise, and introduced a new line-up in alliance politics. He went home, vexed and chastened, and a stream of negative assessment flowed forth.

British officials insist the issue is too vital to allow policy to be stampeded. The Americans are indeed in a hurry — to save lives and to reassert a role in international security while the president is in his honeymoon period. But in contrast to the exemplary consultation before the Gulf war, this has led to clumsy diplomacy and the assumption of agreement where none existed. Britain and France, in turn, have have made the worst of their case by resisting the logic of intervention at every step — only to retract and accept grudgingly proposals denounced as unacceptable weeks earlier.

The Western alliance cannot afford a falling-out over the worst conflict in Europe since the second world war. Mutual trust and mutual security override all else. This was proved in 1956, when the bitter rift of Suez quickly healed over in the face of the greater challenge to Western security when Soviet tanks rolled into Hungary. No such confrontation elsewhere now promises relief from the Bosnian imbroglio; indeed the threat instead is of a different, and equally seriously, transatlantic split over Gatt. If the result of this drawn-out quarrel is to innoculate the American public against the idea of ever coming to the aid of the Europeans again, the harm Bosnia will have done will be incalculable. And it will make many more Bosnias that much more likely.

THE INK OF PANIC

The row over this summer's national tests is unresolved

Contrary to ministers' best hopes, much discussed in Westminster and Whitehall yesterday, there is now no easy end to the row over national testing in schools. The statement by John Patten, the education secretary, to the House of Commons was written in the ink of panic.

The problem is simple enough: after nine years of Conservative dither on the future of schools, the 1988 Education Reform Act was too much too late. A poorly drafted, overambitious law introduced enormous change with reckless haste. Bad politics in the past has produced pain when the government needed it least.

During this miserable process, moderate teachers have been alienated, quangos have grown hubristic and Mr Patten has grown increasingly reluctant to discuss grievances. His announcement last month of a full review of the national curriculum by Sir Ron Dearing, head of the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, failed to appease teachers' wrath. Nor was it enough to stop two conservative government advisers from resigning last week. Not since the poll tax has a government policy been so heavily criticised by left and right alike.

The solution to an urgent problem is not always straightforward. Ministers have assumed that the transformation of Britain's education can be carried out by breaking local education authorities, pouring contempt on teachers and rushing through curriculum changes. Patently, it cannot.

The government's strategic aim must now be to preserve the principle of testing and maintain the momentum of the national curriculum reform. Beyond its preliminary recommendations this year, the Dearing enquiry should continue a rolling review of the new syllabus and the government declare its willingness to introduce change where necessary.

Mr Patten made a promising start yesterday by announcing that compulsory testing for children of seven and 14 would be limited to English, mathematics and science, with the possibility left open that technology be made compulsory for 14-year-olds. Seven-year-olds will not be forced through superfluous tests in technology, history, geography, music, art and physical education. Teachers' workload will be reduced and the curriculum streamlined. The government is at last making good its promise to go back to basics.

But this does not settle the question of this summer's tests. Because the assessments are required by statute, it would be politically impossible and legally anomalous for the education secretary to suspend them. The most sensible course would be to make this year's tests "consultative". Their results would be given to parents and analysed by the Dearing enquiry but would not be published in league table form. This would encourage teachers to hand over the results of seven-year-old tests that took place earlier this year and might also persuade many of them to go ahead with the 14-year-old assessments on this altered basis. That would be an honourable concession, paving the way for change next year. But at present the education secretary seems determined to press ahead with this year's tests without compromise. How he proposes to do so remains quite mysterious.

A FERTILE DEBATE

Society must decide if infertility is an illness

One in six couples in the United Kingdom is said to experience difficulty having children; yet there is a widespread lack of understanding of the distress caused by infertility. The condition remains often unexplained in spite of extensive investigations. The treatment is uncertain and lengthy. Hopes are repeatedly raised by each new test or procedure, and dashed.

Few resources are provided by the NHS for infertility treatment on the grounds that the infertile are not ill. Infertility belongs with cosmetic surgery — in the private sector. By contrast huge sums have been spent on abortion and family-planning services. An unwanted baby can be a major burden on public services. The infertile are a neglected group because their condition has no social consequences for the state.

The traditional solution to infertility is adoption. But opportunities have been sharply reduced by improvements in contraception, the availability of abortion, and changed attitudes to single parenthood. Yet the problem itself is growing because of the trend to delay starting a family; fertility declines with age.

Yesterday we reported remarks by Professor Richard Lilford, head of obstetrics and gynaecology at Leeds General Infirmary, that the infertile should receive priority for treatment over cancer chemotherapy, hip replacements and cataract surgery. These words are likely to be viewed askance by cancer sufferers, the wheelchair-bound and the nearly blind. But the needs of the infertile shoud not be ignored.

Until now, the delicate question was left to the doctors. The high cost of treatment made wider availability easy to deny. In an age of newer cheaper techniques, which might be able to create children for all but 4 per cent of infertile women, it needs to be discussed openly whether and in what circumstances infertility should be treated as an illness. The condition can certainly create depression and despair. But is having babies an intrinsic human condition, such as the ability to walk, or an accidental blessing?

The most urgent need is for resources to be better targeted. Many hospitals provide a poor infertility service, which is worse than useless. Success rates for in vitro fertilisation vary tenfold, from 3 per cent to almost 30 per cent. Resources must be concentrated in a few specialist centres where couples can be confident they are getting the best treatment.

Many health authorities are cutting back on infertility services, eliminating them either altogether or for women over a certain age. A survey last week by Issue, the national fertility association, found that half of health authorities did not provide basic treatments on the NHS, and only a quarter offered more advanced techniques such as in vitro fertilisation. The covert rationing of services available on the NHS needs to be brought out and debated more openly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call to resist US policy on Bosnia

From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS

Sir, I am appalled by the drift towards a pointless, aimless, military intervention in Bosnia. It is absurd to think that armed outsiders can in a limited time set up a complex cantonal system depending on mutual trust in a region of intense hatreds, ancient and modern.

A quarter of a century ago Harold Wilson earned lasting merit by resisting the requests of that arch-persuader, President Lyndon Johnson, to send British forces to Vietnam. Cannot John Major muster the courage to earn similar merit, firmly deciding to resist President Clinton by utterly refusing to commit British forces to the Balkan cauldron, thereby also distancing himself from the irresponsible demands of the leader of the Liberal Democrats and the indecisive remarks of the Labour leader?

Yours sincerely,
HERMANN BONDI,
Churchill College, Cambridge.
May 10.

Aid on the road

From Dr Elaine V. Laycock

Sir, I am a doctor in general practice, just back from leading a small local team to deliver medical supplies and surgical instruments to designated hospitals in Bosnia. Before we set off we had detailed information on what these hospitals in Tomislavgrad, Mostar, Prozor and Split needed and we took specific instruments, local anaesthetics and antibiotics.

We were greeted with much gratitude, not only because of what we had taken but also because we had bothered to take it personally. There was a great deal of humanitarian aid on the roads but it was not meeting the requirements of the hospitals, even in Split, where there was a shortage of, amongst other things, sterile surgical gloves.

I was, therefore, concerned to read your headline, "Red Cross says freelance charities are obstructing aid" (May 8). I am sure my experience is not unique and that there are many small organisations that have planned ahead, have local knowledge and are delivering aid successfully.

I do not see how these groups can possibly obstruct the big organisations and, although I accept that inadequately planned expeditions without local contacts may not be able to deliver aid effectively to where it is needed, I think your headline is unfortunate for those striving to raise money to help send desperately needed aid to Bosnia.

Yours faithfully,
ELAINE LAYCOCK,
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Ruislip, Middlesex.

Cannabis dangers

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

Sir, Your report on "the powerful medical case for making cannabis legal" (Body and Mind, May 4) is tragically one-sided, because you give no description of the dangers of this so-called "soft" drug.

Medical professionals who have studied the effects of cannabis have established a causal link to serious psychological disorders, such as schizophrenia, and physical damage, particularly to reproductive organs.

Cannabis, like anti-sickness drugs, may help to control nausea, but to argue, as does Dr Malone-Lee, that such medical benefit should lead to legislation for all uses does the medical profession no good turn and can dangerously mislead your readers, especially the legislators among them.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RATHBONE,
Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Drug Misuse Group,
House of Commons.

High-tech milk

From Mr George Gibson

Sir, The high technology used in the West to boost the milk yield from cows sets an unthrifty example to poor nations being tempted by similar tricks to increase the output from camels by ten times or more (Dr T. Scarlett Epstein's letter, May 6). This is equivalent to a yield of nine litres, or two gallons, a day from a woman while she is simultaneously gestating her baby.

Such highly capitalised animal milk machines devour enormous quantities of heavily fertilised forages and concentrates ("improved" with animal protein) and generate objectionable amounts and types of ordure. There has to be a relentless use of production boosters. Mastitis, lameness, reproductive disorders and milk fever, which involves calcium deficiency, are rife in high-performance herds of the type Dr Scarlett Epstein commends.

Developing countries cannot afford such follies with camels or any animals from which prodigious yields of milk and meat are extorted. We would all be acting more prudently in growing crops for food, not feed.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE GIBSON,
8 Eagle Lodge,
Golders Green, NW11.

Maastricht troubles for the Tories

From Mr Edward Barber

Sir, As William Rees-Mogg says ("Major fails the leadership test", May 10), "when people find out that Maastricht has handed economic policy over to unelected foreigners, both Europe and the government are likely to become unpopular".

But alas for our country, not only Major, but also Smith and Ashdown are deeply committed to the disastrous folly of Maastricht, and all are greatly undeserving of our support.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD BARBER
(Treasurer, Labour Common Market Safeguards Committee),
5 William Paston Road,
North Walsham, Norfolk.
May 10.

From Mr Andrew Turner

Sir, Not all prospective Conservative Euro-candidates share Edwina Currie's cynicism about the social chapter opt-out (letter, May 7).

We opted out of the social chapter in order, by safeguarding British industry from unnecessary costs, to alleviate what Mrs Currie calls "Europe's fading competitiveness compared with the USA, Japan and the Pacific rim". Yet she says it was to "appease our Euro-rebels".

Maastricht's subsidiarity provisions are intended by the prime minister to ensure that decisions are taken at the lowest appropriate level, yet Mrs Currie talks of "persuading our partners to accept our concept of free market flexibility rather than theirs".

Being at the birth of the next superpower is not a dishonourable ambition. But using that power to shape the future of other countries is not an ambition which many Conservatives share. I do not object to persuasion, but those sovereign nations which fail to be persuaded of what is in their best interests are entitled to take their own course, not to be legislated into compliance with our beliefs. Otherwise, they will expect us reciprocally either to comply with objectives we do not share, or (and this Mrs Currie rightly bemoans) to sign up to something with which we do not agree on the grounds that it can be ignored in future.

Your obedient servant,
ANDREW TURNER
(Prospective Conservative Euro-parliamentary Candidate for Birmingham East),
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May 7.

From Lady Fieldhouse

Sir, When will the prime minister admit that one of the major causes for the trouncing the Tories received in both the local elections and the by-election in Newbury is his obsession with railroading the Maastricht Treaty through Parliament in a thoroughly undemocratic fashion? He does not seem to listen to what people are trying to tell him.

The wretched treaty is now discredited, with the knowledge that we shall eventually be required to rejoin the ERM which caused so much extra misery during the recession. To shelve it now would certainly lead to an increase in popularity of this incredibly unpopular government.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET FIELDHOUSE,
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May 10.

Lawson memoirs on John Major

From Lord Lawson of Blaby

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's attack on John Major (May 10) asserts that "Nigel Lawson's memoirs suggest that he was barely competent as chief secretary to the Treasury", and you evidently considered that extract of sufficient interest to reproduce it prominently on your front page.

What I actually wrote in my memoirs, *The View From No 11*, published by Bantam Press, was the following:

I had first come across [John Major] during his time in the Whips' Office, when he was responsible for assisting the passage of the 1985 Finance Bill through the House of Commons, and I had formed a high opinion of him. Subsequently, as Minister of State for Social Security, he had demonstrated an impressive grasp of the complexities of the Social Security rules and an ability to put the Government's case across in a firm, clear and agreeable way. This relatively unusual combination of mastery of detail and likeable manner would, I felt, make him an excellent Chief Secretary, . . .

For a time after the 1987 election I was concerned that I might have made the wrong choice of Chief Secretary after all — a view I suspect was shared by John Major himself. He found the job far more difficult than anything he had ever done before, and had to work very hard to try and master it. He would come and see me at Number 11, ashen faced, to unburden himself of his worries and to seek my advice. Before too long, however, he was thoroughly on top of the job.

I leave it to your readers to judge whether "barely competent" is a fair and accurate rephrasing of "thoroughly on top of the job".

Yours truly,
NIGEL LAWSON,
House of Lords.
May 11.

Willing the means to restore bombed City church

From Mr Paul Sutherland

Sir, In the letters which you published on May 8, St Ethelburga's church in Bishopsgate was variously described as having been considered for redundancy (Mr James Boutwood), a guild church (Dr Chad Varah), and redundant (the Reverend Frank Stevens). It is none of these, but rather a chapel of ease within the parish of St Helen's.

Until recently, it was proposed that St Ethelburga's should be open daily for private prayer and meditation, a use for which it was ideally suited. The St Helen's staff would have occupied much-needed office space behind the church — a most happy arrangement.

I do not see why the explosion on April 24 should change this. After all, two of the four walls and all the pillars are still standing and the cost of repair now looks like being less than £2 million (report, May 6).

I believe this sum can be raised by an appeal to the City and to the public. The upkeep of the church is adequately provided for by a generous legacy dating from 1557. Therefore, at no time need Church funds be allocated to St Ethelburga's.

I fear that to defer making a decision until later this year, as Dr Chad Varah suggests, would risk losing much vital impetus and good will. As for the notion that the site should remain an open space, it would as such suffer, not only from a lack of tranquillity (owing to the heavy traffic in adjacent Bishopsgate) but also from exchanging its centuries-old sacred status for that of a mere monument.

The propagation of the gospel, of which Mr Stevens properly makes much, takes place in different ways. Many people are doubtless brought to Christ by evangelical witness: indeed, neighbouring St Helen's testifies to that.

However, others find Him, as I do, in the still sanctuary of little churches like St Ethelburga's.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL SUTHERLAND
(Parish Clerk of St Ethelburga, Bishopsgate),
Risegate,
The Crescent,
Hadley Common, Hertfordshire.
May 9.

From the Reverend Anthony Symondson

Sir, It was interesting to read that Hans Feibusch has sketches and photographs of his mural in St Ethelburga's (report and picture, May 4). What is of greater significance is that Sir Ninian Comper's drawings for the restoration of the church between 1911 and 1922 are kept in the RIBA drawings collection. These give clear evidence of Comper's intentions and could be used again should it be rebuilt.

Evidence has emerged that the loss is not as great as it looks. Much survives, broken, in the ruins that is capable of repair and reinstatement, notably the greater part of Comper's woodwork: screens, panelling and pews. What has gone is his west organ gallery, but his design survives.

One way of applying the good will of City institutions and the public would be for bodies and individuals to adopt different items and parts of the church for repair and reinstatement.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SYMONDSON,
The Jesuit Community,
Milltown Park, Dublin 6.
May 7.

From Mr Leslie Wood

Sir, The outrage to St Ethelburga's was perpetrated about 30 years ago, when the friendly shops around it were demolished and tall, unsympathetic office blocks erected in their place, leaving the poor little church slighted and forlorn.

Better than to rebuild the church *in situ*, merely to defy terrorists, with uncertain success, would be to rebuild it on the campus of some new university in need of a chapel.

Yours truly,
LESLIE WOOD,
Byways, Reading Road,
Burghfield Common, Berkshire.

From Mr Andrew Anderson

Sir, Serious bomb damage did not prevent the reconstruction of Barry's and Pugin's House of Commons, or the church and shrine of St Julian in Norwich after the second world war. Unlike fire, high explosive does not incinerate fabric: all the bits survive within the walls which, with patience, expertise and — most important — the will, can be pieced together. Given the will, the money can be found.

Increasingly, the London City churches and the two great Anglican cathedrals north and south of the river have existed as havens of peace for weekday lunchtime pilgrims, as refuges from the hurly-burly business world. The rubble of St Ethelburga's should be carefully removed, labelled, pieced together and rebuilt. If placed in good hands, no facsimile should be necessary.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ANDERSON
(Surveyor to the fabric of St Albans Cathedral),
1 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr S. J. Elliott

Sir, None of your correspondents has mentioned the Greek palindrome, one of the longest ever made, which circumscribed the bowl of the font at St Ethelburga's. Translated, it reads: "Cleanse my transgression not only my outward appearance."

If this font is damaged, I trust that every effort will be made to restore it, together with the rest of the church.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN ELLIOTT,
16 Limes Road, Egham, Surrey.

From Mrs C. M. Breuning-Williamson

Sir, St Ethelburga's, that venerable and beautiful church, has been my dear friend for more than 60 years.

Having married a Dutchman in 1931 (I am now 93) I was often at Liverpool Street station, arriving or departing for the Continent. As I waited for my trains, the little church was a lovely, peaceful blessing to a young woman.

Of course St Ethelburga must be restored — so very many people would miss her influence!

Yours sincerely,
C. M. BREUNING-WILLIAMSON,
Fairfield, Lower Slaughter,
Near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Civil service reform

From Mr Nevil Johnson

Sir, Sir Peter Kemp, in his comments ("Mandarins are not the only fruit", May 6) on the case for changing the terms on which permanent secretaries and other senior advisers of ministers are appointed, seems to leave out of account the relationship of trust and loyalty which would exist between ministers and their officials.

Traditionally, this has been assured in Britain by relying on a career civil service, the members of which are by their own code of conduct required to serve ministers of different parties and policies with equal loyalty and commitment. The alternative approach, now widely followed in many European countries, is for ministers to appoint their own top advisers, taking them as a rule from a professional career service.

This method means that to a certain degree ministers and officials stand and fall together. It also involves acceptance of political patronage: ministers choose officials in whom they have both personal and political confidence. Whether this method always has acceptable results is open to some doubt; as recent experience in several neighbouring countries suggests, patronage exercised by politicians can result in straightforward corruption and a decline in public service standards.

The problem with Sir Peter Kemp's proposal for fixed-term appointments with the approval of the civil service commissioners is that it is unrealistic in relation to the kind of jobs at issue. It rests on a narrow view of policy-making competence as the decisive criterion, underestimates the need for a relationship of loyalty and trust between ministers and top officials, and implies that ministers would have even less influence on top appointments than they have now. (At present they are at least consulted, especially in relation to permanent secretaries.)

Public advertisement and fixed-term contracts for many senior posts with executive functions are to be welcomed, and here merit and suitability can come decisively into the appointments made. For those who work in day-to-day collaboration with ministers on the margins between administration and politics the problems are rather more difficult than Sir Peter seems to allow.

Yours faithfully,
NEVIL JOHNSON,
Nuffield College, Oxford.

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Rail ratings

From Mr Geoffrey Howe

Sir, With reference to the proposed privatisation of British Rail, I simply cannot wait to look up the performance rating of my local station in the inevitable league tables (as in education and hospitals) that must surely follow, before driving my car to a higher-placed station to avail myself of the better services on offer.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HOWE,
22 Paul Mellon House,
Howard De Walden Way,
Newmarket, Suffolk.

Fond memories

From Norman J. Adamson, QC

Sir, In the tenement closes of Glasgow, with which I was familiar as a boy, with their common wash-houses and drying greens, the greatest tribute to a housewife when she died was that "she aye pit oot a guid washing".

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN J. ADAMSON,
Whiteways, White Lane,
Guildford, Surrey.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 11: Mr John Harrison was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Mauritius.

Mrs Harrison was also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, Corps of Royal Engineers, received General Sir George Cooper upon relinquishing his appointment as Chief Royal Engineer and General Sir John Stibbon upon assuming the appointment.

Sir Reginald Palmer was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Governor-General of Grenada when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Lady Palmer was also received by The Queen.

The Governor of Queensland and Mr McDonald were received by Her Majesty.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was received by The Queen and, as Master of the Royal Mint, presented Her Majesty with a gold Coronation Anniversary Crown.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the Centenary Exhibitions, the Commonwealth Institute, and was received by the Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (representing the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs — Trustee), the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor Miss Elizabeth Christmas) and the Director General (Mr Stephen Cox).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, toured the Institute, escorted by the Chairman (Mr Richard Fyjis-Walker) and viewed the exhibitions before attending a reception.

The Lady Farnham, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs Mulroney were received by The Queen this afternoon.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon attended a luncheon given by The Duke of Braganca, the Carlton Club, London SW1.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF and Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Banquet, Guildhall, London EC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

May 11: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a dinner in support of The Royal Exchange Theatre Company, the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, London W2.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

May 11: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning held the inaugural meeting of the Save the Children Fund Seventy Fifth Birthday Appeal Group at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, later opened the Eisai Research Laboratory, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the Deanery, Amen Court, London EC4, and was received by the Dean of St Paul's (the Very Rev Eric Evans).

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended the Civil Engineers Dinner, the Dorchester, Park Lane, London W1.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 11: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National Aids Trust, this afternoon attended a luncheon at Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

May 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited the Princess Christian Homes of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at Knaphill, and opened the Lord Roberts Wing.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

May 11: The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Odiham, this afternoon received the Commanding Officer of Royal Air Force Odiham (Group Captain Christopher Chambers).

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Derbyshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).

In the morning Her Royal Highness visited Newlands House Cheshire Home, Netherseal, and afterwards visited Fairy Step Shoes Limited, Commerce Street, Melbourne, and Dunnicliff Brothers Limited, shoe manufacturers, Castle Street, Melbourne.

In the afternoon The Duchess of Gloucester visited Melbourne Parish Church and later visited the National Farmers Union display at Samuel Jackson Growers Limited, Kings Newton.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 11: The Duke of Kent, President, this morning attended a meeting of the Engineering Council, Maltravers Street, London WC2.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Royal Philharmonic Society Music Awards for 1992 at the Dorchester Hotel, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Mr Guy Nevill

A Memorial Service for Guy Nevill will be held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, London, SW3, on Wednesday, May 19, at 5.30pm.

Northern Ireland awards

For gallant and meritorious service

Order of the British Empire

CBE

Brigadier John Christopher Blake Sutherell OBE, late The Royal Anglian Regiment.

OBE

Lieutenant Colonel Nigel Stephen Alderman, The Staffordshire Regiment; Lieutenant Colonel Alastair David Afton Duncan, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Mark George Elcomb, The Light Infantry; Lieutenant Colonel Terance William Kevin Ghillyer, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; Lieutenant Colonel Fiona Anne Walthall, Intelligence Corps.

MBE

Captain William Neville Aldridge, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Warrant Officer Class 1 Charles Daniel Caffrey, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC); Major David John Clements, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Major Michael Francis Gleeson, The Royal Green Jackets; Warrant Officer Class 2 John Gough, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Warrant Officer Class 1 William Dennis Goodchild Hunt, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC); Major Nicholas Inglis, Corps of Royal Engineers; Major Ian Charles Johnstone, The Royal Scots; Captain Andrew Jones, Intelligence Corps; Captain Tony Manley, The Light Infantry; Captain Daniel Anthony McNamara, Intelligence Corps; Major Andrew Martin William Mortimer, The Light Infantry; Major Edward Patrick Tracey, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Captain (now Major) Peter Williams, BEM, Army Air Corps.

Queen's Gallantry Medal

Corporal Carl Gilmour, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RCT); Corporal Anthony John Hawkins, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; Sergeant Jonathan Neil Hier, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Warrant Officer Class 2 Norman MacDonald, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC).

Mentioned in despatches

Sergeant (now Acting Staff Sergeant) Andrew Peter Abson, The Light Infantry; Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Derek Allen, QGM, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Warrant Officer Class 2 Ivor Frederick Balgent, Intelligence Corps; Major Duncan Allan Barley, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Staff Sergeant Kevin Bickerstaffe, Royal Corps of Signals; Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Helen Lorraine Bishop, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS); Corporal Kevin Alfred Blagdon, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Captain James Richard Buckby Bryson, The Royal Green Jackets; Sergeant Mark Gerrard Burrows, Intelligence Corps; Staff Sergeant (Acting Warrant Officer Class 2) Andrew Burton, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Warrant Officer Class 2 Stephen John Calland, Royal Corps of Signals; Private Simon James Child, The Parachute Regiment; Lieutenant Colonel Robin Michael Chisnall OBE, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Captain Nigel John Dakin, Intelligence Corps; Corporal Alan Dickson, The Light Infantry; Corporal Mark David Dix, Corps of Royal Engineers; Staff Sergeant David Robert Dixon, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC); Staff Sergeant Philip Charles Eley, Corps of Royal Engineers; Staff Sergeant Anthony Thomas Fish, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC).

Staff Sergeant Kevin Glancey, Corps of Royal Engineers; Major John Lewis Godfrey, The Light Dragoons; Fusilier Andrew James Grundy (deceased), The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Warrant Officer Class 2 James Hall, The Light Infantry; Major John Douglas Handford, The Parachute Regiment; Captain Jonathan Michael Edward Hazel, Intelligence Corps; Captain Jean Patterson Heron, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS); Major David Holmes, Corps of Royal Engineers; Air Trooper Ian Jenkins, Army Air Corps; Lance Corporal Mark Jones, The Light Infantry; Captain Philip David Jones, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Lieutenant Colonel John James Keeling, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Major Robert James Knight MBE, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Marshall, MBE, Intelligence Corps; Captain Alastair McArthur, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC); Staff Sergeant (now Warrant Officer Class 2) Anthony Paul McCreanor, Royal Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC); Captain Nicholas Paul McRobb, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Captain Michael Stephen Moran, QGM, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Staff Sergeant Thomas Jonathan Murray, Intelligence Corps; Sergeant (Acting Staff Sergeant) Geoffrey John Newport, The Parachute Regiment; Lieutenant Ian James O'Bryan, The Light Infantry; Captain Desmond Patrick O'Driscoll, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Colonel Colin David Parr OBE, late Intelligence Corps; Corporal Richard Mark Phillips, Corps of Royal Engineers; Sergeant Stephen Malcolm Prynne, The Parachute Regiment.

Major Christopher Robert Francis Rider, The Staffordshire Regiment; Corporal Neil Roome, Royal Corps of Signals; Captain Paul Joseph Ryalls, The Parachute Regiment; Major Peter John Simpson MBE, Intelligence Corps; Corporal Steven Walter Simpson, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Warrant Officer Class 2 Michael Graham Sinclair, Army Air Corps; Sergeant Redford John Smith, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Warrant Officer Class 2 Mark Stuart Maurice Sullivan, Intelligence Corps; Major Rodney Harrington Tracy, Army Air Corps; Sergeant Neil Andrew Vincent, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Major Robert Nicholas Harry Alexander de Vins Wade, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Warrant Officer Class 2 Thomas Findlater Walker, The Light Infantry; Lieutenant Colonel Adrian John Walsh, The Royal Irish Regiment; Corporal Russell John Webb, The Parachute Regiment; Captain Jonathan Whiteley, Intelligence Corps; Lance Corporal Philip George Wignall, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Bombardier Paul Lloyd Williams, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Major William Adam Willmott, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Captain Mathew Edward Amcotts Wilson, The Light Infantry; Staff Sergeant Robert Wilson, BEM, Intelligence Corps.

Royal Marines

MBE

Captain Robert Johnson Heatley, Royal Marines.

Queen's Gallantry Medal

Corporal John Grant Sheerin, Royal Marines; Corporal Simon Michael Wright, Royal Marines.

Mentioned in despatches

Sergeant Paul Cook, Royal Marines; Captain Simon Haselock, Royal Marines; Lieutenant Scott Livingstone, Royal Marines; Sergeant Michael David Oliver, Royal Marines; Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Michael Robinson, Royal Marines; Corporal David Nigel Thomas, Royal Marines; Corporal George Charles Whitmarsh, Royal Marines.

Royal Air Force

Air Force Cross

Squadron Leader Philip Granville Pynegar.

Mentioned in despatches

Squadron Leader Andrew William John McAuley.



Miss Susan Hampshire, the actress, is 51 today

Birthdays today

Mr Burt Bacharach, composer, 64; Mr Alan Ball, footballer, 48; Mr M.A. Coates, former chairman, Price Waterhouse, 69; Mr John Floyd, auctioneer, 70; Mr P.N.G. Gilbert, former general secretary, SPCK, 59; Mr J.P. Grant, executive director, Unicef, 71; Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, OM, chemist, 83; Miss Helena Kennedy, QC, 43; the Earl of Kimberley, 69; Dr David Kimble, former vice-chancellor, University of Malawi, 72; Lord Laing of Dunphail, 70; Mr Eric Lyall, chairman, Pearl Group, 69; Sir Roger Moate, MP, 55; the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, former Bishop of Birmingham, 73; Mrs Jenni Murray, broadcaster, 43; Mr Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, 49; Miss Rosalind Savill, director, The Wallace Collection, 42; Mr Frederick Smithies, trades unionist, 64; Dr Miriam Stoppard, writer and broadcaster, 56; Mr Steve Winwood, rock singer, 45; Sir Paul Wright, diplomat, 78.

Spanish Ambassador

On Monday, May 10, 1993, at the Spanish Embassy the Spanish Ambassador presented the award of Commander of the Order of Civil Merit to Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Rabbi Abraham Levy and Mr Hayim Pinner.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts last night at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs Mulroney. The other guests were:

The Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs Eaton, Lord and Lady Wakeham, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, and Mrs Brooke, the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, and Mrs Lennox-Boyd, Mr Michael Mates, MP, the Earl and Countess of Mansfield, the Earl of Liverpool, Viscount and Viscount Hardinge, the Bishop of Carlisle and Mrs Harland, Lord and Lady Marsh, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, Sir Richard and Lady Attenborough, Sir David and Lady Carina Frost, Mr and Mrs W Galen Weston, Mr and Mrs Jon Deitcher, Mr and Mrs Robert Evans, Mr and Mrs Neil Shaw, Mr and Mrs Alex Roberts, Mr and Mrs Roy Faibish, Mr and Mrs Michael Chapman, Mr and Mrs Charles de Selincourt, Mr and Mrs David Birch, Mr John Abell, Dr and Mrs Robert Anderson, Mr and Mrs Peter Winkworth, Professor and Mrs Tom Symons, Mr and Mrs Chris Dobson, Sir Robin Butler, Sir Nicholas Bayne, Mr Brian Crowe, Mr Gus O'Donnell and Mr and Mrs Roderic Lyne.

Queen Mary and Westfield College
Professor Graham Zellick, Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, presided at a guest night dinner held last night at the college. Among those present were:

Baroness Young, Dame Anne Mueller, Sir Eric Ash, Professor Colin Berry, Mr Roger Henderson, QC, Mr A L Lang, the Rev J S Overton, Mr Peter Riddell, Ms Anne Sofer, Mrs Valerie Strachan, Ms Wendy Taylor, Professor John Chalker, Mrs Helen Sarkany, Dr P Molly Scopes, Professor John Varey and Mr Stanley Wright.

General Dental Council
Sir David Mason, President of the General Dental Council, with Lady Mason and members of the council gave a dinner last night at 37 Wimpole Street. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, accompanied by Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, was the principal guest.

Royal Artillery Heritage Appeal
General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided at the seventh founders' dinner of the Royal Artillery Heritage Appeal held last night in Woolwich.

Service dinner

Royal Signals
Major-General A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, and Major-General A.H. Boyle, Signal Officer-in-Chief (Army), attended the annual dinner of the Royal Corps of Signals held last night in London. Major-General A. Yeoman presided.

Luncheon

Zaiwalla & Co, Solicitors
Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, Senior Partner of Zaiwalla & Co, Solicitors of 95A Chancery Lane, London, WC2, gave a luncheon on May 10, 1993, at the Law Society for a European Community Chamber of Commerce delegation of Businessmen from India to the UK. The Indian Trade delegation was headed by Mr N.K. Nayar (managing director, Concast (India)). Among those present were:

Dr A F M Yusuf (High Commissioner for Bangladesh), the Right Hon Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Keith Vaz, MP, Mr Piara Khabra, MP, Mr Ian Hunter, QC, Mr Guo Haibin (chief representative, China Chamber of International Commerce), Mr Ramnath G Kare, Mr Rajendra Gogate, Mr Pratap Bhogilal, Mr Vijay Kumar, Mr David Lopez de Menezes and Mr N Joshi, Mr Ronald Archibald (Director of EC Unit, Department of Trade and Industry), Mr Ron Balkaran (TACSA Committee), Mr Myron Belkind (managing director, Associated Press), Dr P D Sharma, Mr Hugh Adamson (secretary general, NSA of the Bahai's), Mr S N Gourisaria (general secretary, India League), Mr Michael Knowles, Mr Rod Fountain (editor *Business Eye*), Mr Suhail Aziz, Mr N J Kariya, Mr D C Singhania and Mr R K Mehrotra.

Latest wills

Lord **Lloyd of Hampstead**, of Hove, East Sussex, formerly of London NW3, Quain Professor of Jurisprudence in the University of London 1956-82, and chairman of the British Film Institute 1973-6, left estate valued at £27,042 net.

Thomas Oslaf **Kellock**, QC, of London EC4, a circuit judge 1976-91, who stood unsuccessfully four times for Parliament as a Liberal, left estate valued at £458,512 net.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will attend a reception given by the Franco-British Society and the Association France-Grand Bretagne at St James's Palace at 6.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, will attend the 1993 annual meeting at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 10.45; will present the 1993 Templeton Prize at Buckingham Palace at 3.30; and, as Patron of the British Athletic Federation, will present the 1992 awards and world record plaques at Buckingham Palace at 4.30.

The Princess of Wales will visit Bethany, a home for people living with HIV/Aids, at St Mary's Road, Bodmin, at 11.55; will open the new art and technology block at Sir James Smith's School, Camelford, at 1.25; and will visit Key Organics at 3.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a conference at St Thomas's Hospital at 10.00; as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), will attend the Regimental Officers' London luncheon at the Caledonian Club at 12.40; and as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will attend the launch of the nationwide computer system for all Rural Housing Associations at Hobart House, 40 Grosvenor Place, at 4.00.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Royal Ballet, will attend a gala performance of *Don Quixote* at the Royal Opera House at 7.20 in aid of the Royal Opera House Trust and the Royal Academy of Dancing.

The Duke of Kent will attend a livery theme dinner at Fishmongers' Hall at 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will open the International Social Service of the UK's Spring Fair at Kensington Town Hall at 10.15; and, as President of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club will attend a gala dinner for players at Leeds United Football Club at Elland Road at 6.45.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.L.C. Bloomer and Miss H.A. Kirkbride
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr A.E.M. Bloomer, of Farnham, Surrey, and of Mrs E. Clinton, of Sway, Hampshire, and Harriet Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.G. Kirkbride, of Buckland St Mary, Somerset.

Mr N.C. Jacks and Miss L.C. Butcher
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Jacks, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Linda, daughter of Mr John Butcher, of Blackheath, London, and Mrs Stephen Sparrow, of Fressingfield, Suffolk.

Mr T.E.J. Konst and Miss C.N.R. Fryer
The engagement is announced between Tjeerd, son of Mr and Mrs H.T. Konst, of Umhlanga, Natal, South Africa, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.P. Fryer, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr N.A. Spence and Miss C.A.V. Jebb
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs Julian Spence, of Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, and Christian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Jebb, of Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Mr B.J.P. Thomson and Miss L.M. Juckes
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of David and Patience Thomson, of Little Stoke, Oxfordshire, and Lucy, daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Juckes, of Little Barrington.

Mr D.M. Thomson and Miss C.E.N. Hunter
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Dr M.L. Thomson and of Mrs A.T. Cowie, of Earley, Berkshire, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.N. Hunter, of Thorpe Bay, Essex.

Mr N.T. Gallop and Miss A. MacKay
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Mr Albert Gallop and of Mrs Sandra Gallop, of Hastings, and Alona, youngest daughter of Mr Neil MacKay and the late Mrs Hazel MacKay, of Gartness, Stirlingshire.

Mr R. Mackay and Miss H.D. Bidwell
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Wing Commander S.M. Mackay, of Durban, South Africa, and Mrs A.M. Mackay, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and Hillary, daughter of Mr J.T. Bidwell, of New York City, and Mrs Gail Bidwell, of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mr C.J. Tune and Miss S.P. Gardner
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr T.W. Tune and of Mrs Tune, of Hemingbrough, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gardner, of York.

Dr P.J. Twomey and Dr J.M Coote
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs J.G. Twomey, of Downend, Bristol, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr J.W. and Dr N. Coote, of Blackheath, London.

Mr J.C. Warner Allen and Miss C.A. Russell
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Warner Allen, of Hampstead, and Carolyn Russell, of Fulham and Auckland, New Zealand.

Dr J.H. Waxman and Dr C.P.F. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Dr and Mrs David Waxman, of Marylebone, London, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil Taylor, of Wanstead, London.

Marriages

Mr A.J. Birch and Miss S.L. Carr
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 8, at the Temple Church, Fleet Street, between Mr Alexander Birch, second son of Sir John and Lady Birch, and Miss Sue Carr, daughter of Mr Richard Carr and Mrs Charles Harvey. The Master, Canon Joseph Robinson, officiated assisted by Canon John Atkins.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by George Birch, Chané Polo, Harriet Gibson, Alexandra and Albert Bagge. Mr John Gimlette was best man.

A reception was held at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly.

Mr G.L.G. Jeffcock and Miss S.J. Snook
The marriage took place on May 8, 1993, at All Saints, Lymington, Hampshire, between Mr George Lucian Gully Jeffcock, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jeffcock, and Miss Sara Jane Snook, daughter of Mr Ian Snook and Mrs Michael Mapes. The Rev Michael Joint officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Sarah West. Mr Piers Connolly was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's father and the honeymoon is being spent in Normandy.

Calls to the Bar

Easter Term 1993

Inner Temple
A M Philip, Devonshire, Bermuda; D P Carney, Durham; K P Hobson, London N10; M D Broad, Whitwell, near Worksop, Nottinghamshire; E A Neocleous, Limassol, Cyprus; Y Millar-Parker, London SW4; J Z Hasan, London SW12; E H Kellogg Jr, London WC2; Professor L H Leigh, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire; G H Charkham, Kew Gardens, Surrey; J B Brodie, London NW1; T T P Concannon, Buriton, near Petersfield, Hampshire.

Middle Temple
S G Gruchy, London SE11; C M Rioda, Selly Oak, Birmingham; L T W Karanja, London N1; A N Ball, Richmond, Surrey; M D Griffiths, Cardiff; K J Farrelly, Salisbury, Wiltshire; S Driver, London SE26; J Vakil, London W2; S S Bassra, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

Gray's Inn
M D Colborne, Newport, Gwent; L J Marklew, Pelsall, near Walsall, West Midlands; S West, South Shields, Tyne and Wear; S I Waterfield, Upper Poppleton, York; D V Williams, Cyncoed, Cardiff; M T Telemaque, Paget West, Bermuda; S M Joshua, Wandsworth, London; J E McGlyne, Trerhyngyll, near Cowbridge, South Glamorgan; R T Lee, Birmingham; R V Petri, Aylos Dometios, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Lincoln's Inn
M M Nazeer, London W2; C M Stent, Bristol; Y Zahed, London N11; S M E Coupland, London SW16; Z Ali, Ilford, Essex; T J E Bowman, Sheffield; J M P Dempster, London SE5; F Mahmood, Hayes, west London; S Onn, Shah Alam, Malaysia; M P Webster, East Croydon, Surrey; C J Wilkins, London N1; S Knafler, London SE26; P J M Hollingworth, Sileby, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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God has fixed the day on which he will have the world judged, and justly judged, by a man whom he has designated; of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.
Acts 17 : 31

BIRTHS

ARNOLD - On March 9th, to Nicki and David, a son, George Timothy Alexander, a brother for Camilla and Thomas.

BEELEY - On May 6th, to Alexandra (née Latham) and Fergus, a daughter, Sacha.

BURNHAM-MARINELLI - On 7th May 1993 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Danzey (née Burnham) and J. Peter Marinelli, twin sons, Justin Patrick and William Christian.

HORGAN - On Saturday May 8th, to Carmel (née Costello) and Chris, a daughter, Annie Julia Christina, 9lbs 5oz.

HUGHES-ONSLOW - On 4th May, to Christina (Hay) and James, a daughter, Harriet.

JORDAN - On May 10th, to Elizabeth and Peter, a daughter, Amelia Mary Stuart, a sister for James and Kimberly.

JOSLIN - On May 7th, to Sarah (née Cant) and Tim, a daughter, Emma Catherine, a sister for Lucy and Clare.

KEATING - On April 30th, to Caroline (née Romer) and Brendan, a daughter, Ella Fay Romer, a sister for Joshua.

MASEFIELD - On May 3rd 1993, at The Portland Hospital, to Georgina (née Davies) and Robert, a son, Luke Edward Beech.

NISBET - On 25th April 1993, to Paula (née Boyagis) and Christopher, a son, a brother for Kit.

OSES - On May 4th 1993, to Deborah (née Mitchell) and Richard, a son, Alexander Peter, a brother for Charles and James.

OWENS - On May 3rd, to Henrietta (née Smythe) and Bob, a son, Christopher David.

RUSSELL-PAVIER - On May 10th 1993, to Valerie (née Turner) and Nicholas, a son, Frederick Somerville, a brother for Kate.

SEALE - On 9th May to Carole (née Wilson) and Marc, a son, Alexander Charles John.

SHIPMAN - On 11th May, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Rose (née Chisholm) and Anthony, a son.

STARK - On May 8th, to Elizabeth (née Rudd) and Richard, a son, Charles Richard Randall.

WAYMENT - On May 5th in Sydney, to Jill (née Reynolds) and Ralph, a son, Henry Ralph, a brother for Louis and Charles.

WHITE - On 13th April 1993, to Nigel and Anne (née McCracken), a son, Michael Henry.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

FETHERSTON-DILKE: STANLEY-WILLIAMS - On 12th May, 1943, at the King's Chapel of the Savoy, Lieutenant Charles Fetherston-Dilke, Royal Navy, of H.M.S. Hurricane, and Miss Pauline Stanley-Williams, of 69, Eaton Terrace Mews, SW1. Present address: Keeper's Cottage, Maxstoke, Coleshill, Warwickshire.

DEATHS

ABBOTT - Jocelyn May, beloved wife of Stanley, mother of Susan and Paul, 9th May 1993 peacefully after 25 years of Multiple Sclerosis borne with good humour, courage and dignity. Cremation at Guildford, Surrey, 12.30 pm Thursday 13th May. Donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society, c/o Pimms Funeral Services, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67394.

ARMITAGE - On 9th May, Dorothy (Bunty), peacefully, at Hartley House, Cranbrook, in her 82nd year. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

BALLANTYNE - On 2nd May 1993, suddenly and peacefully at Carlyle Road, Cambridge, Clare, dearly loved daughter of Joyce and the late John Andrew Ballantyne MBE of Newbury and sister of Graham. Funeral Service at St Edmund's College Chapel, Cambridge, on Monday 17th May at 12 noon, followed by private burial. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Save the Children Fund.

BANGOR - Edward Ward, Viscount Bangor died on Saturday May 8th at home. Everyone who knew him will miss him so much. Private family funeral on Monday May 17th at 11.15am at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers by 9am to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8.

BARR - On May 7th very suddenly in Colchester, Sybil Mary. Much beloved mother of Jennifer and Terence and dearly loved sister of Patricia. Private family cremation, followed by Memorial Service to be held on Friday 21st May at St Lawrence's 2 pm. Flowers to Hunnaball Funeral Services, Colchester.

BONSEY - On Saturday 8th May 1993, peacefully in hospital, Francis 'Biscoe Reginald aged 77. Eldest son of the late Canon and Mrs F.R. Bonsey. A much loved brother, uncle and great-uncle. Requiem Mass at Church of the Sacred Heart, Southwold, on Friday 21st May at 11 am. Enquiries to Fishers (Southwold) Ltd., Field Stile Road, Southwold.

CAMPBELL - On May 10th 1993, suddenly at St Francis Nursing Home, Littlehampton, Major General The Reverend Sir Hamish Magnus Campbell K.B.E., C.B., M.A.(Oxon), O.PRAEM. Husband of the late Marcelle and father of Anthony Colonel Commandant R.A.P.C. 1963-1970. Priest and Canon of Our Lady of England Priory, Storrington, West Sussex. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of England Priory, Storrington, on Monday May 17th at 2 pm, followed by interment. All enquiries please to F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton. tel: (0903) 713939.

CLEMENTS - On May 9th 1993, peacefully in St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, Pearl, dearly beloved wife of Alan, much loved daughter of Olive, dearly loved mother of Paul, Sarah and Jonathan, loving grandmother of Mathew, Suzanne and Andrew. Funeral Service at West Wickham Methodist Church, Hawes Lane, on Tuesday 18th May at 11 am, followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice or the Louis Jenner Laboratory Fund, St Thomas' Hospital, those to be sent c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, West Wickham.

CROSS - On May 5th 1993, suddenly at his home, Patrick John MA, FIA, aged 38, much loved son of Renée and the late Gerald Cross. A splendid brother, nephew, cousin and friend, who will be very sadly missed. Cremation at Putney Vale on May 14th at 4 pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation c/o Fredk W Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston.

CROWLEY - Dr. Mary Eileen (Mrs M.E. Simmonds J.P.) of Melbourne, Derby, peacefully at The Sue Ryder Hospice, Staunton Harold, on May 10th 1993, fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. Dear mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church, Melbourne, on Saturday May 15th at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Melbourne Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for The Sue Ryder Hospice, Staunton Harold, may be sent to E.H. Allen Funeral Director, 22 Eastway, Castle Donington, Derby. tel: (0332) 810370.

DARLING - On May 10th 1993, peacefully at Malmesbury Hospital, Norah Mary Auchinleck, dearly beloved sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. Funeral Service at 11 am Monday May 17th at Malmesbury Abbey. Family flowers only. Donations by request to Malmesbury Hospital League of Friends. Enquiries to H & C Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, Wilts. tel: (0666) 822216.

FAIRCLOUGH - On May 8th 1993 aged 84, peacefully at Beaconsfield, Francis Stanley, Canon Emeritus of Derby Cathedral. Husband of Maude. Funeral Service in Melbourne Parish Church, Derbyshire, on Friday May 14th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired in lieu to the Melbourne Parish Church Heritage 2000 Fund, c/o H.J. Purday, 22 Chapel Street, Melbourne, Derbyshire.

HARGRAVE - Suddenly at home at Crawley, Sussex, on 7th May 1993, David Charles (Dr. Charles), devoted husband of Penny and adored father of Jenny, Peter, Sarah and Phil, much loved brother of Simon. Family flowers only, donations to The Charles Hargrave Memorial Fund. Service on Friday 14th May at St Bartholomews, Burstow at 2.30 pm. All enquiries and donations to Francis Chappell & Sons, 8 Grand Parade, Crawley, Sussex (0293) 521407.

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HENZELL - On May 7th at Stroud Hospital, Elened Henzell. Funeral at Minchinhampton Parish Church on Tuesday May 18th at 12 noon. No flowers by request.

MACKENZIE-GRIEVE - On 10th May after a short illness, Josephine beloved wife of John. Funeral for family and close friends at St James', West Littleton, on Friday 14th May at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the British Field Sports Society, 59 Kennington Road, London, SE1 7PZ or Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15/19 Britten Street, London, SW3 3TZ.

MILNER - James (Jim) F.L.S. aged 87. 41 years with Guinness. Died peacefully on 9th May at Cranleigh Village Hospital. Beloved husband of Marion, father of Guy, Peter and Christopher, grandfather of Juliet, Andrew, Claire and Giles. Funeral 1.45 pm Monday 17th May at St Nicolas, Cranleigh, followed by a private cremation.

NAYLOR - On Monday May 10th, suddenly, at home, Edmund John Robert, aged 62, husband of Anne, father of Charles, Katharine, Juliet and Rosalind and loved by all. Funeral on Monday May 17th at St Margaret's Church, Ridge, at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations in his name to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London E1.

OLDFIELD - On May 10th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Major John Vogan Oldfield, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire. Husband of Barbara, father of Gina, John, Peter and Nanette. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hartley Wintney, on Friday May 14th at 10 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for London City Mission, c/o E. Finch & Sons, 123 High Street, Aldershot, Hampshire.

OVENS - On May 10th in Sheffield, Ernest Arthur aged 81 years (formerly Careers Officer at the University of Sheffield). Dearly loved husband of the late Kathleen. Service at City Road Crematorium Wednesday May 19th at 3.45 pm. No flowers please. Donations payable to Guide Dogs for the Blind, may be sent to John Heath and Sons Funeral Directors, Sheffield.

PARMITER - On 7th May 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Mary, of Hyde, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, in her eightyninth year. Beloved aunt of Anne and great-aunt of Jane and Christopher. Formerly of the Atherley School, Southampton. Funeral Service at the Church of the Holy Ascension, Hyde, at 12.30 pm on Friday 14th May, followed by burial at St Nicholas Church, West Worldham, Alton, Hants. at 6 pm. Flowers to Barrow Bros., Funeral Directors, 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hants.

PENN - On 10th May 1993 in London, Lt. Col. Sir Eric Penn GCVO, OBE, MC, aged 77. Greatly loved husband of Prue and devoted father of David, Christopher and Fiona. Funeral Service 11.30am on Tuesday 18th May at The Guards Chapel. Family flowers only. It was his wish that there will be no Memorial Service.

SAVOULIDIS - On 11th May peacefully at home in New Jersey, Dimitri, beloved husband of Patti (Fox) and father of Yianni, Michaelis and Sasha. Donations to International Red Cross.

SCHNEIDER - Peacefully on May 8th, Dorothy, at the age of 88. Dear aunt to Edward, John and Isabel. Funeral Service at St Mary's Priory Church, Fulham Road, London, on Friday May 14th at 10 am.

SCHOFIELD-PALMER - On 9th May, Edgar Kent, devoted husband of the late Freda Marjorie and beloved father of Margaret. Funeral Service at Midhurst Parish Church on 13th May 1993 at 10 am. Flowers, or donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council may be sent to L.F. Lintott & Son Funeral Directors, tel: (0730) 813264.

SMITH - On 7th May 1993, in her 89th year, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness, Frances Elizabeth Smith M.B., CH.B. (ED), late of 12 Hill View, Prim Rose Hill Road, London NW3, formerly of 6 Springwood Road, Rawdon, Leeds. Dearly loved by James Smith and Jean, Jim, Harold and Emily Carner.

SUTHERLAND - On Saturday May 8th 1993, suddenly, Irene, dear wife of Frank for 56 years, much loved mother of Richard and Helen and dear Nana of Lucy and Neil. Everlasting happy memories. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, Dorking, on Monday May 17th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for The Parkinsons Disease Society may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

RUSHTON - On 8th May Marie aged 97 peacefully in Leamington Spa. Much loved mother of Philip and Gordon. Requiem Mass on 13 May at 11am at St. Peter's Leamington. Family flowers only but any donations please to Warwickshire Association for the Blind, Warwick. RIP.

TURTON - Annie (Nan) Kelso, on 8th May, dearly beloved wife of Ian Turton and mother of Graham and Alastair.

WELLS - On May 9th at his home in Mylor Bridge, Cornwall, Dr. Charles E.C., F.R.C.P., husband of Pixie, late Consultant Neurologist U.H.W., Cardiff, Wales. Funeral Service on Tuesday 18th May at Truro Crematorium at 12 noon. No flowers but donations for the R.N.L.I. c/o the Funeral Director, Colin Matthews, 63 Tehidy Road, Camborne, Cornwall tel: (0209) 717772.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

PENELOPE GILLIAT

Penelope Gilliat, journalist, novelist and film critic, died on May 9 aged 61. She was born on March 25, 1932.



PENELOPE GILLIAT was unfortunate enough to be one of those writers whose life tended to overshadow her work. Although she wrote at least one first-class film script (for *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* in 1971), produced a number of novels and volumes of short stories and contributed some distinguished cinema criticism to both *The Observer* and *The New Yorker*, she is unlikley to be remembered for any of these achievements. Instead, she is liable to be most widely recalled as the wife of the best man at the wedding of Princess Margaret to the Earl of Snowdon in 1960 who shortly afterwards ran away with, and later married, the playwright, John Osborne.

In a sense, she had only herself to thank for that. Probably her most famous piece of writing — certainly the most celebrated example of her journalism — was an article she contributed to Jocelyn Stevens's *Queen* magazine in the aftermath of the scandal caused by her going off with John Osborne in 1961. Provoked by the scars of her own experience, it was an all-out onslaught on the morals and methods of the newspaper gossip columnists of the day — whom the article collectively grouped together as "The Friendless Ones".

It was one of those rare journalistic exercises actually to achieve a result. So mortified was the second Viscount Rothermere by the charges it made that instructions were promptly given for the winding-up of the diary the *Daily Mail* then carried under the *nom de plume* of "Paul Tanfield". Gilliat had thus achieved more than her husband-to-be Osborne — who had had the same pseudonymous figure, combined with the *Daily Express*'s William Hickey, as his target in the name of the central character of his 1959 musical, *The World of Paul Slickey*.

The marriage, however, did not last. By his own account Osborne was irritated from the outset by his wife's dedicated professionalism, by her belief that her *Observer* film column was the most important thing in the world. In fact, for a time it was fairly important. Writing initially in double harness with Kenneth Tynan, on the theatre, Gilliat was a major contributor to the success of *The Observer*'s arts coverage in the early 1960s (the arrangement did not work anything like so well when in 1965 she and Tynan swopped roles, she doing the theatre and he the cinema). By then, though, Gilliat herself was foot-loose. In 1967 she parted company with *The Observer*, following in Tynan's footsteps to *The New Yorker*, where for the next dozen years she shared the film criticism on a six-monthly basis with Pauline Kael.

Under the guiding hand of the *New Yorker*'s then editor, William Shawn, it was a powerful combination and it also suited Gilliat by giving her time for her own writing. Her first novel, *One by One*, had been published in 1965 and over the next 24 years she was to produce four more, among which *The Cutting Edge* (1979) received particular praise from the reviewers. None, however, became in any sense a bestseller and she had no better fortune with her short stories (many appearing first in *The New Yorker*) of which she produced seven separate collections. Her one great popular success was her film script for John Schlesinger's *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* which, along with the movie itself, carried off many awards.

From her marriage to Osborne, Gilliat had acquired a grand house in Chester Square and it was from there, until in her last years she moved to Bayswater, that she pursued her political interests. She had been a founder member of the anti-H-bomb Committee of 100 and she remained a staunch left-winger long after her second husband had veered to the right.

By the end of the 1970s, however, she had begun to look a strangely dated figure and the shadows were, indeed, beginning to draw in. There was a murky episode with *The New Yorker* in 1979 when, over a profile she had written of Graham Greene, she was widely accused of plagiarism.

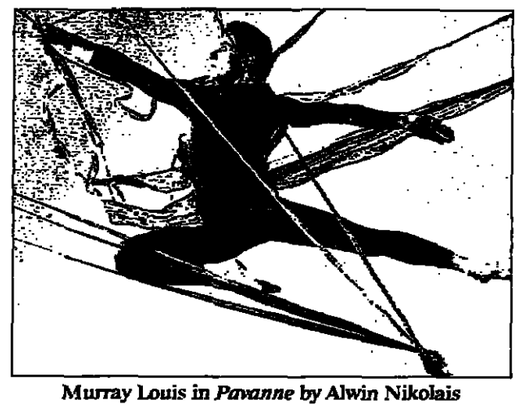
The matter was never wholly satisfactorily resolved — though William Shawn's own embarrassed comment, "It was one of those things, Penelope simply got into a poor state of health," was, some thought, eloquent enough.

By then her friends had begun to betray concern about her drinking, and efforts to include contributions from her in TV programmes (as in a 1982 one about Kenneth Tynan) tended to end on the cutting-room floor. There was more than a whiff of *Sunset Boulevard* about the huge house in Chester Square and at moments Gilliat seemed more than content to live up (or down) to a Bette Davis image.

Her first husband, Professor Roger Gilliat, died in 1991. She leaves a daughter, Nolan, from her marriage to John Osborne.

ALWIN NIKOLAIS

Alwin Nikolais, choreographer, composer and director, died in New York on May 8 aged 80. He was born on November 25, 1912.



Murray Louis in *Pavanne* by Alwin Nikolais

WATCHING Alwin Nikolais's choreography for the first time could be a disconcerting experience. He invented a brand of dance theatre that owed as much to lighting and design as to movement and sound.

As a child he built his own light-dimmer and made puppets. He began dancing with one of Mary Wigman's former pupils, Truda Caschmann, and taught in her school. Together, they were commissioned in 1939 with the composer Ernst Krenek to stage a production, *Eight Column Line*, at the Avery Memorial Theatre.

At the summer schools in Bennington College, Vermont, the most important of his teachers was Hanya Holm, who taught an analytical approach to movement rather than a set, self-contained technique. He was also inspired by watching the great practitioners of the older generation and studying with them: Doris Humphrey, Charles Weidman and above all Martha Graham. But he said that the musician Louis Horst was a greater influence.

After the second world war Nikolais began to develop the philosophy of dance that was to serve him for the rest of his life. He had moved to New York where he taught and directed at the Henry Street Settlement Playhouse. About this time, too, Nikolais turned against the then all pervasive influence in the arts of Sigmund Freud.

In this way Nikolais evolved his dislike of self-expression, and began to establish what he called "my philosophy of man being a fellow traveller within the total universal mechanism rather than the god from which all things flowed."

Masks, Props and Mobiles, a programme premiered at the beginning of 1953, can be seen in retrospect as a manifesto of the new policy. He had freed himself from stories and emotion, he had taken on the motion of the whole stage picture rather than the movements of the dancers. He could, when he wanted, make a solo to show off the marvellously detailed, flickering control of his leading dancers, Murray Louis and Phyllis Lamhut.

The use of light became important to him very early, improvising with tin cans, rubber bands and lollipop papers to obtain his effects in the days before he could afford the ton of equipment that later travelled with his company. The most noticeable effect for the audience was the projection of abstract coloured patterns on the stage and its occupants, but dancers were aware of how, by avoiding overhead lamps, he made them stand out in space.

Nikolais usually wrote the music for his productions, too, added electronically after the dance was complete. The beautiful old brownstone house in Greenwich Village which he shared with Murray Louis contained a room full of the most formidable equipment for use in composing.

His writings included witty reminiscences, theoretical essays and even an article for the *Encyclopedia of Sexual Behavior* on sexual dynamics in contemporary dance.

His company toured Europe frequently from 1968 (their first London season was at Sadler's Wells in 1969). When the French government set up France's first big contemporary dance centre at Angers, Nikolais was invited as its first director. In 1980 he created a work *Schema* for the Paris Opera Ballet.

Large and rather stately in appearance, he had a somewhat solemn manner which was belied by a twinkling eye.

BRIAN MOWER

Brian Leonard Mower, CBE, former head of the news department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), died of cancer on May 7 aged 58. He was born on August 24, 1934.



AMONG the early decisions of Douglas Hurd after being made foreign secretary four years ago was to issue a personal demand for Brian Mower. Despite his own 14 years as a career diplomat, he turned to his former press secretary at the Home Office when the headship of the FCO news room became vacant, as opposed to the customary appointment of an FCO high flyer.

James Callaghan made a similar choice 15 years earlier, placing his old Home Office aide Tom (now Sir Thomas) McCaffrey in the same job. Two years later McCaffrey accompanied James Callaghan to No 10 Downing Street. Many thought Mower would also reach the top. Ministers he had served had included Roy Jenkins, Norman Tebbit, William Whitelaw and David Waddington. During his four years as home secretary Douglas Hurd also held him in high regard.

Most significantly of all, Mower had made a lasting impression at No 10 during nine months there as deputy to Sir Bernard Ingham in 1982, a testing period which had covered the Falklands War. His professionalism and capacity for mastering detail had made him seem a strong candidate to succeed Ingham as head of the Government Information Service — a job which the latter relinquished on leaving Downing Street with Margaret Thatcher in late 1990.

But illness was tragically to intervene for Mower, with the sudden onset of internal cancer at about that time. After a further 18 months trying to struggle against his illness at the FCO news department, with its exhausting schedule of travel and complex briefs, he was transferred back to the Home Office last summer and was still officially employed there when he died.

Mower had been born in Plaistow, East London, but spent much of his early boyhood in Kenton, Middlesex, where he stayed with relatives during the bombing of London's docklands. Then after the war the family moved to Hemel Hempstead where Mower senior worked in a timber-mill and where Brian went to the local grammar school. He always regretted not having had the chance to go to University.

After training as a quantity surveyor for long enough to decide he did not like it, he joined the RAF in 1954 for two years national service then began work as an accounts executive with the Service Advertising Company. He stayed there for 10 years before seizing a chance to apply for the civil service.

Mower began as a senior information officer at the Treasury in 1966, became principal information officer in the Central Statistical Office, 1969-78, then returned to the Treasury as deputy head of information. His first post as a departmental head was at the Department of Employment, working for Norman Tebbit, between 1980 and early 1982 — when he went to No 10 as deputy press secretary to the prime minister.

Happy in Downing Street, where he established a good working relationship with Margaret Thatcher, Mower was half-reluctant to leave when offered the job of director of information at the Home Office in the same year. But colleagues persuaded him that he should not let the opportunity pass him by. He subsequently held the job for eight years before following Douglas Hurd to King Charles Street.

Brian Mower, who in his spare time loved country walks and playing bridge, married his wife Margaret in 1960. He is survived by her and by one son and a daughter.

ROBERT DE NIRO

ROBERT De Niro, painter and the father of the actor Robert De Niro, died in New York on May 3 aged 71. Born in Syracuse, New York, he studied with the painter Hans Hoffman in the 1930s and 1940s and also attended Black Mountain College.

His first one-man show was held in 1946 in New York. In subsequent years he had regular solo shows at various other galleries, most recently in 1986.

He is represented in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

LORD ROSS OF NEWPORT

Lord Ross of Newport, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight from 1974 to 1987, died in London on May 10 aged 66. He was born on July 6, 1926.

WHEN Stephen Ross fought the Isle of Wight for the first time in 1966 he came in third. When he fought it in 1970 he was third again. But when he stood as the Liberal candidate for the seat in February 1974 he overturned the Tory majority of 17,326 and won by more than 7,000. He held the constituency at all the three subsequent elections which he fought and it only returned to its traditional conservatism when he retired.

It is true that everything was running in his favour when he captured the seat at the first of the two elections in 1974. The Liberal revival was reaching its peak under Jeremy Thorpe. The three-day week was affecting the island's light industries. There was more than a whiff of financial scandal about Mark Woodnutt, the defending Tory MP, who died only months after losing the seat.

Even so, it was a remarkable personal triumph for Ross in which his combination of charm combined with typical Liberal devotion to the islanders' smallest problems obviously played a significant part.

Ross's majority was reduced to 352 in 1979 when the Tories made an all-out bid to recapture the seat but he increased it to 3,503 in 1983 when Virginia Bottomley, his Conservative opponent, was the odds-on favourite to win. In both elections his attempt to squeeze the Labour vote was helped by the selection of a pro-Militant candidate.

Stephen Ross was educated at Bedford School and in 1944 joined the Royal Navy, where he spent four years on the lower deck. He maintained this was the best thing that could have happened to him because for the first time he met people from all walks of life and he also started being interested in politics.

On demobilisation he joined his uncle's auctioneering firm in Kidderminster. He qualified as a chartered surveyor but when he was refused a salary rise in 1953 he left to carry on his profession in the Isle of Wight.

His first attempt to join the Liberal party failed in 1958 because he could find nobody to recruit him. It took him until 1961 to discover how to join the party. As there was no Liberal candidate immediately available in 1966 he decided to fight the seat with the help of a few friends and his wife driving him in their Land Rover. It was the same story in 1970 and he was only persuaded to stand in 1974 after he had been given assurances of more help.

Ross had been on the county council since 1967 which had made him comparatively well known in the island, but he resigned his seat when he became an MP.

He returned to the council in 1981, however, saying he could achieve more from its headquarters at Newport than he could at Westminster. Throughout his Commons career he was his party's spokesman on transport and Northern Ireland and he was also the scourge of the Young Liberals, who were well to the left of official policy for much of his time in the House.

Soon after his election in 1974 he called for a coalition with Labour while in 1977 he was all for continuing the Lib-Lab pact. But after the arrangement had come to an end, he had no doubts that the future of his party lay in an alliance with the SDP.

He had health problems throughout his parliamentary career. He suffered from sciatica, was forced to have treatment for cancer, had one heart bypass operation in 1982 and more heart surgery last year. He became a life peer soon after he left the Commons.

He was married in 1949 to Brenda Hughes. She survives him, together with their two sons and two daughters.



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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

SIR J. PEASE rose to call attention to the law and practice relating to capital punishment, and to move "That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived for the abolition of the death penalty for the crime of murder." He said that there had been during the last few years several motions on this important question . . .

It was of great importance to note the effect of the abolition of capital punishment in countries somewhat similar to our own. Statistics showed that in Belgium, in the Netherlands, in one or two of the States of America, and in other countries where capital punishment had been abolished no increase of homicidal crime had resulted. As to its effect upon our own criminal population there were some remarkable cases during the last few years showing how much greater a deterrent imprisonmnt was than the fear of death. There was a case some time ago in the county of Durham in which a man gave himself up out of penal servitude and confessed to the murder of a woman in Sunderland in order that he might be hanged and so get rid of a lifelong servitude in gaol. He believed that hanging murderers would never teach a community the sacredness of human life, and he would like to ask whether they could safely trust to a fallible tribunal to inflict a penalty which could not be recalled. (Hear, hear.) There could be no doubt that a great many innocent people had been sentenced to death, and it was remarkable how many during the last few years had been rescued from gaol, where they had been confined, not for murder, but for small crimes. The hon. member cited a large number of cases in which innocent persons had been sentenced to imprisonment. There was one case, he said, which he should specially like to mention. It was the case in which three men were tried at Durham not very long since for the murder of a policeman under very aggravating circumstances. One of those three men owed his life to the present Chancellor of Exchequer, who sent down specially from the Home Office, and made inquiries which resulted in the man's life being saved. Since executions had been carried out inside prisons reporters were sometimes admitted and sometimes not. We heard sometimes of a short drop and sometimes of a long one. Occasionally we heard of an amateur executioner or a baronet assisting at an execution. These things ought to be put a stop to if executions were continued: but the best way of stopping them was to stop the executions. There were many horrible incidents attendant upon executions . . . In 1872, at Durham, the execution of a young woman was postponed until after her confinement, and she was suckling her infant the day before her execution. There had been cases in which ropes had broken, and half-strangled men had fallen to the ground and had been kept in agony and suspense until other ropes were adjusted. Recently the weight of the convict and the length of the drop resulted in decapitation. If other civilized States could do without executions surely we could follow their example . . .

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A recommendation by a Royal Commission in 1866 that penal servitude be substituted for the death penalty in some cases was not implemented. Sir Joseph Pease's motion was lost: 62 for, 117 against. Not until 1965 was capital punishment abolished.

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Securing a university place is getting tougher, **John O'Leary** reports. **Ben Preston** talks to some applicants about their experiences


NEVILLE CHADWICK

Her early fears put at ease

CLAIRE FIELDSEND is a somewhat hesitant state school applicant for Oxbridge. She found Exeter College, Oxford, imposing and was overawed by a visit organised by her sixth-form college in Leicestershire.

"The college had a real sense of prestige and history. They went to an awful lot of trouble and organised a big sit-down meal for us in the college hall. But I found it a little intimidating and wondered whether I'd fit in," says Claire, aged 18, of Rutland Sixth-Form College, Oakham.

Gentle chivvying by a school tutor specifically responsible for Oxbridge admissions, nudged Claire towards the unpretentious surroundings of Robinson College, the youngest college in Cambridge. The interviews reaffirmed her decision to apply there to read French and Italian. "I'd heard such awful stories about severe interviews, but they were very friendly and made me feel at ease," she says. Today Claire is positively enthusiastic about her choice and resolved to achieving target grades of two As in French and English and a B in geography.


DENZIL McNEELANCE

A stable, worry-free base

BADRUL ISLAM is one of the growing band of prospective students determined to break the tradition of leaving home to study. Money worries lie behind his decision to find a university place in London.

"I heard other people's experiences of struggling to find the cash for food and rent. I want to be able to concentrate on my course," says Badrul, aged 18, a sixth-former at Holland Park Comprehensive, in Notting Hill, west London. "I don't want to have to rely on a student loan with the extra worry on my shoulders of getting into debt. I get on well with my parents and I like living at home, so why should I go away?"

Badrul's judgment was also bolstered by his choice of course, business studies. "London is the business capital of the world and that should help me find work experience on the sandwich year of my course. I want to be an accountant or maybe a stockbroker."

He needs three grade Bs in A-level mathematics, physics and chemistry to win a place at his first choice, Queen Mary and Westfield College, which is part of London University.


JOHN MANNING

Perfected his application

RUSSELL BATTEN is a fan of the government's decision to give polytechnics university status. "Polytechnics seemed all the more appealing when I discovered they were becoming universities."

But getting there is still hard work. Russell, aged 18, a pupil at Trinity School, a private school in Croydon, Surrey, spent a fortnight perfecting his application form to give the best possible impression.

He also got a part-time job at a local hotel to strengthen his claim to a place on a hotel and catering course.

After numerous visits, Russell eventually plumped for the new University of Bournemouth. "I was shown around by final year students who took me into town and pointed out all the clubs and shopping centres. I was really surprised as I thought it was just a retirement town."

The course held as much promise as the social life. Russell was impressed by its emphasis on management and the option to turn a diploma into a degree with an extra fourth year of study. To secure his place, Russell needs at least two grade Ds in his A-level French and English.


RICHARD POHLE

Found interview an ordeal

TARA BARKER's choice of university was severely limited by circumstance. As a single mother living in Bristol with a young son, she could look no further than the city's two universities, or possibly Bath.

The impetus was the knowledge that a degree would boost her career prospects beyond working as a freelance journalist for BBC Radio Bristol. "I want either to join the World Service or make documentaries. But I don't want to stay at local radio," says Tara, aged 32, from Redland, Bristol.

The interview to read politics at Bristol University was an unexpected ordeal. "I was really naive, but people told me I was likely to get general questions about why I wanted to come to university.

"Instead the two interviewers wanted a political discussion. I dried up from the first question about what I understood by the term Thatcherism even though I had studied it."

But Tara was offered a conditional place. By the time the official envelope arrived, she had met the university requirement of passing her Open University social sciences foundation course.

Sharpen your wits for a cut-throat affair

Winning a university place for 1994, particularly in the popular arts and social science subjects, is likely to be more difficult than ever. Although the seemingly endless growth in demand for places has begun to slow down, the government has acted to limit the supply. Universities are being funded for bigger intakes only in science and technology.

At the same time, the new admissions system will make it more important then ever for aspiring students to pitch their applications correctly. The streamlined process means that they will no longer be able to play off new universities against old in the crucial period after A level results are published.

There is now bound to be a much more rigid insistence on students meeting the letter of their offers

Even last year, before the squeeze had been applied, there were 383,000 applications for approximately 245,000 places at universities and colleges. The old universities had nearly 10 per cent more applicants, the former polytechnics nearly 18 per cent more. Once again, the biggest increase in demand was for business courses, and some social sciences and humanities.

When the deadline passed for entry in 1993, it appeared that easier entry might be in sight. The former polytechnics and colleges reported a mere 7 per cent increase in applications, mainly for non-degree courses, and the traditional universities 9 per cent. Given institutions' expansion plans, which amounted to 41 per cent more places over four years in the new universities, the odds on getting a place were beginning to improve at last.

By then, however, it was clear that the need to cut public spending was going to intervene. The Autumn Statement had provided universities with 13 per cent more money to support students already on courses, but the intention was to peg intakes for three years. Just before Christmas, John Patten, the education secretary, cut fees by 30 per cent to ensure that universities complied.

With many offers already made, the applications process was thrown into chaos. Some admissions tutors wanted to withdraw offers, but were advised that to do so might be illegal. Others wanted to raise the grades required, but were persuaded that this, too, was dubious.

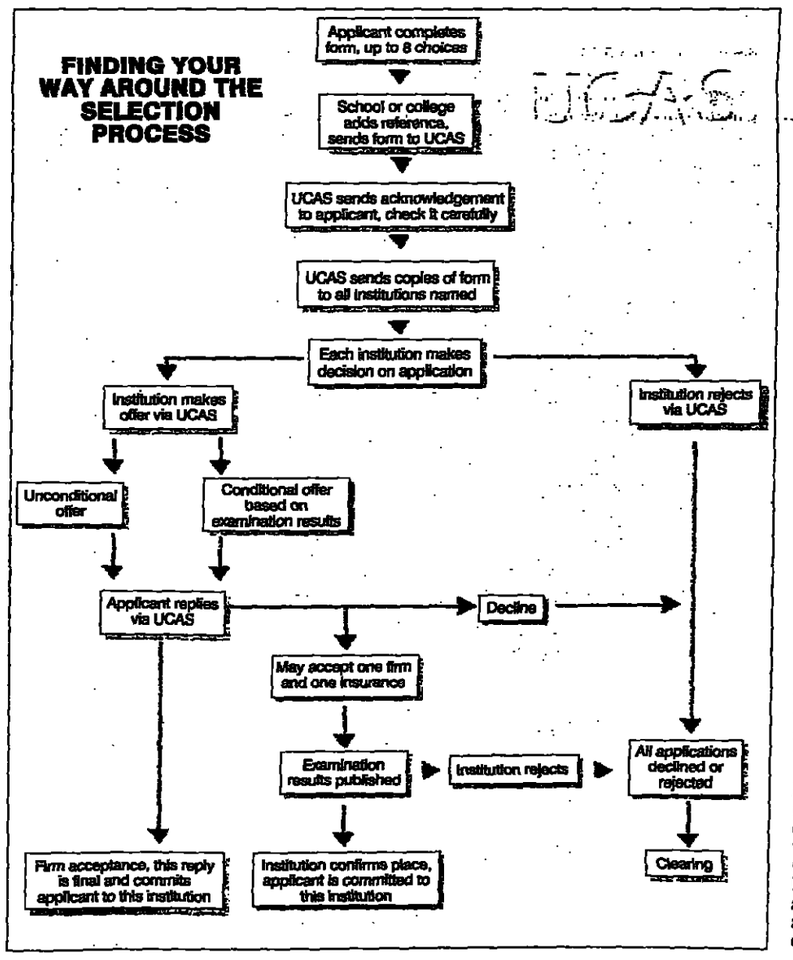
The net effect for this autumn's entry is bound to be a much more rigid insistence on students meeting the letter of their offers, and a sharp reduction in the number of places available through the clearing process. Universities try to be flexible when students' results do not match their offers precisely, but the need to keep within reduced quotas may make this impossible.

Mike Scott, of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, says: "I am fairly certain that clearing will be a cut-throat affair because in some cases there are more offers than places available. Some quite good people are going to end up in clearing, and it is impossible to say how many places there will be."

With the cap still on intakes next year, universities are going to be wary of being caught again. They may also be cautious about their offers in the first year of the new system.

Mr Scott says: "Offers for 1994 are likely to be tighter generally, and students will have to be much more careful now that their choices are out in the open and they are having to narrow their final selection down to two universities, rather than four. They must be realistic about their chances and not give in to pressure from parents or anyone else to go for universities where they are unlikely to get in."

Even more than usual, places will be easier to come by next year in science and technology than in the arts and social sciences, although pharmacy, computer studies and especially psychology have been attracting significantly more applicants.



HOW TO APPLY

THE applications process for university entry in 1994 is already in full swing, months before this year's places have been allocated. Universities are in the midst of their open days and prospectuses are being dispatched.

Now is the time to assess which subjects will be most suitable and enjoyable, scour the various guides and narrow your options. Institutional prospectuses and the universities' national handbook give clear indications of the entry requirements of all full-time and many part-time courses.

The new applications system, brought about by the merging of the separate clearing houses for the old and new universities, has introduced a number of important changes. All are spelt out in the UCAS Handbook, which should be distributed soon through schools and colleges.

Applicants will have a maximum of eight choices covering both the old and new universities, a sharp reduction on the 1993 total. They can no longer be listed in order of preference.

Academic referees, usually headteachers or college tutors, will continue to provide confidential references on which offers are based. The closing date is December 15. If Oxford or Cambridge are among the choices, a separate application is required to one of the colleges by October 15.

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Unhappy system causes heartache

Doubts have been expressed about the way A level results are predicted

If your chances of getting to university depend on achieving the grades predicted by sixth-form tutors in general studies, physics, mathematics, chemistry, economics, sociology or psychology, prepare yourself for a shock.

Research by the now renamed Universities and Colleges Admissions Service shows that while 54 per cent of all A level predictions on which universities offer places are exaggerated, the predictions in those subjects are by far the worst. In these subjects the forecasts are too high by two or more grades in about 30 per cent of cases.

Mike Scott, who was involved with the research while at the Polytechnics Central Admission System, says: "Getting A level predictions so wrong hurts the system in all kinds of ways. Students' expectations are built up to levels which can be both dangerous and damaging. Feeling you failed when you should never have thought you had a chance can have a devastating effect on an individual.

"Because admissions offers at universities know how to read between the lines, they are offering as many as five times the numbers of places they have. It would be a much more efficient system if university places were offered after results came out. There are many who now favour the start of the university year at the beginning of November which would allow this to happen."

Why are schools, sixth-form colleges and colleges of further education so bad at predicting their students A level results? David Beeby, the headmaster of Clayesmore, a mixed boarding school in Dorset with a flourishing sixth form, says:

A-LEVEL SUBJECT PREDICTIONS IN 1992

	Grade forecast Correct %	Grade forecast Too low %	Grade forecast Too high %	Grade forecast Too high by 2 or more grade %
English	42.7	15.3	42.0	18.2
French	43.7	12.3	44.0	17.3
German	51.2	9.9	38.9	20.3
Art	30.9	20.4	48.7	22.8
History	35.4	13.4	51.2	25.1
Economics	29.1	14.2	56.7	28.4
Sociology	28.0	19.1	52.9	32.6
Government and politics	40.4	20.5	39.1	17.6
Psychology	34.2	13.3	52.5	28.5
Business studies	38.4	13.0	48.6	25.9
Geography	34.2	19.1	46.7	34.6
Mathematics	32.6	10.4	57.0	30.4
Chemistry	35.6	10.6	53.8	26.1
Physics	30.8	7.0	62.4	29.4
Biology	36.8	13.3	49.9	23.4
Geology	31.7	21.6	46.7	25.2
General studies	25.6	19.8	54.6	32.6

"We have to make our predictions in October when the students have only done half their A levels course, a lot can happen both personally and academically in the second half of the course.

"We would not be doing our students a service if our caution over their grades meant they were not offered university places. We all know that if the entry requirement is 3Bs and the candidate is offered a place but only gets 2Bs and a C, there is a good chance they will get in anyway."

There are schools, which, in their efforts to get the best out of their pupils, will deliberately set the expected grade high as the carrot to push the pupil to better things. John Fletcher, head of careers at King Edward's, Bath, where 95 per cent of the mixed sixth form go on to higher education, says: "The difference between one grade and another can sometimes be only one or two marks. We would not be doing our job if we didn't predict the highest possible grade we felt the candidate could achieve.

"However, we do have our professional judgment and consciences to think of. We have to deal with universities and colleges over many years so there is little point in us misleading them. Nevertheless, it is our job to help our students get their foot in the university door. We would welcome any change in the system which would allow university places to be offered after results were known, but I fear this would involve too radical and expensive a change to the academic year."

So, in the meantime, the universities often interview the wrong people and students present themselves to courses for which they will not qualify.

Jenny Read, admissions officer at Middlesex University, says: "With so many failing to make the grades on their preferred courses, there is the ghastly scramble just before the term starts of students trying to get on any course and universities filling unpopular courses with unsuitable applicants.

"It is a very unhappy system which causes heartache and the wrong people doing the wrong course. Far better if the student can realistically work out which is the best course he or she can hope for with his or her qualifications.

"I believe that we are moving towards a semester-type approach to the university academic year which will allow places to be awarded after the A level results and students starting in January."

HUGH THOMPSON

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Working to their strengths

John O'Leary reviews the latest subject ranking tables

Rankings of whole universities may generate most of the heat in any debate over league tables, but a closer look at rankings by subjects probably produces more light for the prospective student.

A newspaper guide does not have the space needed to assess every subject in an increasingly varied higher education system, but the spread of modular degrees is beginning to make such an exercise less relevant in any case. Grouping subjects together is the best alternative, and one which gives a wider picture of a university faculty.

The government, through its funding councils, is encouraging all universities to concentrate on their strengths. Last December's research rankings seemed to indicate that they were taking heed.

The appearance of a number of new university research groups in the upper echelons of those rankings underlined the likelihood of the traditional academic powerhouses facing challenges from a wider range of competitors. In *The Good University Guide*, research is only one component of the subject rankings. Entry requirements for courses, staffing levels, completion rates and employment prospects are also taken into account.

Published statistics are not available by department or subject area for many of the other indicators used elsewhere in the guide. Fewer measures have been used than in the overall ranking of universities (which will be published on Friday), so more universities have been bracketed together.

The results show many of the expected names at the head of most subjects' rankings. Many of the new universities appear in the top quarter of the subject tables.

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Full listings in the *Guide* show, for example, that Plymouth appears in the top 25 in four categories.

TOMORROW

Oxford and Cambridge: *The Times* provides a complete guide to the colleges

TOP 20: HUMANITIES

1. Oxford
2. Cambridge
3. Edinburgh
   St Andrews
5. LSE
   Manchester
7. Glasgow
   University C, London
   King's C, London
10. Royal Holloway
    Warwick
    East Anglia
12. Birmingham
    Bristol
    Durham
    Essex
    Exeter
    Nottingham
18. Swansea
19. Bradford; Leeds
    Reading; Sheffield

The humanities ranking — including subjects such as history, music, philosophy, theology and archaeology — is dominated by the ancient universities, with Oxford living up to its enduring reputation in the arts.

The loss of the university's top rating for history, traditionally one of the jewels in Oxford's crown, was one of the talking points of the funding council's research assessments. But Oxford's overall performance left the top spot in little doubt.

Although Brighton, Oxford Brookes and Sheffield Hallam appear in the top 25 places, the top 20 consists entirely of traditional universities. Four London colleges reflect the strength of provision in the capital, while the presence of Exeter, Essex and Durham confirm established reputations.

Gaining entry to humanities degrees is already proving more difficult since the government's imposition of a limit on recruitment, and the requirements may be even tougher in 1994. There was a 13 per cent increase in applications for places in the new universities, but a more mixed picture in the older institutions. Demand for history, for example, had dropped by 4.5 per cent.

TOP 20: LANGUAGES

1. Cambridge
   Oxford
3. Edinburgh
4. Leeds
   Manchester
   Queen Mary
7. Bristol
   Glasgow
   Reading
   St Andrews
   Sussex
12. Birmingham
    Durham
14. East Anglia
    Exeter
    Swansea
17. Lancaster
    University C, London
19. Nottingham; Sheffield; Swansea; York

Languages have been another of the growth points of the university system. Combinations with other subjects have swelled the numbers taking degrees, especially in the new universities.

In our ranking, however, the specialists among the traditional universities are the only challengers to Cambridge and Oxford. Edinburgh, Leeds and Manchester have established reputations in the field.

The most dramatic change is the appearance of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, in fourth place. The college did not make the previous top ten, but its research in both Russian and Spanish was judged of international standing.

Cambridge was the most successful university in that exercise, winning top ratings in ten languages. No other university managed more than six.

As in other subjects, the new universities tend to adopt a different approach, concentrating on practical aspects. Coventry, East London and Napier University, in Edinburgh, were the most successful on the criteria used for the *Good University Guide*.

TOP 20: MEDICINE

1. Cambridge
   Oxford
   London
   University C, London
5. Edinburgh
   Glasgow
   King's C, London
   Manchester
   Newcastle
10. Liverpool
11. Birmingham
    Bristol
    Nottingham
    Southampton
15. Leeds
    Sheffield
17. Queen's, Belfast
    Wales, Col of Medicine
19. Aberdeen
    Leicester

Unlike other rankings, those for medicine include a composite rating for London University, as well as separate listings for schools that are part of multi-faculty colleges. As a result, the capital occupies two of the top placings.

Several London medical schools appeared at the top of December's research rankings, and their performance could not be ignored. They are bracketed together with Cambridge, Oxford and University College, London, at the top. UCL's medical school topped our last ranking and the faculties of clinical and life sciences have been growing ever since.

The subject grouping includes dental and veterinary schools, which, like medicine itself, are absent from the new universities, although many former polytechnics boast strong recruitment in subjects allied to medicine. Nursing has been an area of particularly rapid growth, as training in the subject has switched to higher education institutions.

Competition for places in these areas has always been fierce. All three main subjects have seen substantial increases in applications for this year's entry.

TOP 20: SCIENCES

1. Cambridge
   Imperial College
   Oxford
4. Birmingham
   Bristol
   Manchester
   Nottingham
8. Durham
   Edinburgh
   Glasgow
11. Leeds
    Leicester
    Liverpool
    St Andrews
    University C, London
    Warwick
17. Cardiff
    Dundee
    King's C, London
    Reading; Sheffield
    Southampton; Sussex

The three heavyweights of the science scene are tied together at the top for one of our largest groups of subjects. Cambridge, Oxford and Imperial College, London, all score strongly on all the criteria.

Of all the subject rankings, science has the most bunching. Nottingham Trent, Plymouth and Westminster universities were only narrowly outside our list.

As in engineering, the high costs associated with scientific research appear to be holding back the new universities. Cambridge had by far the best record in December's research rankings, and the former polytechnics struggled.

Places on science courses should be more freely available in 1994 than those in the arts and social sciences. Entry requirements are generally lower, but the government's fees policy will encourage more recruitment.

In the traditional universities, the demand for psychology has increased in the last year, but applications for mathematics and chemistry are down. The new universities show a similarly mixed picture, with more applications for mathematics but fewer in other sciences.

TOP 20: ENGINEERING

1. Imperial C, London
2. Cambridge
   Oxford
4. UMIST
5. Birmingham
   Durham
7. Loughborough
8. Leeds
   Manchester
   Southampton
   Strathclyde
   Surrey
   Swansea
   University C, London
15. Bath
    Cardiff
    Heriot-Watt
    Nottingham
    Queen's, Belfast
    Sheffield

Oxford and Cambridge are again pipped by London, with Imperial College confirming its growing strength throughout science and technology. The college won top ratings in all six engineering categories in last year's funding council research assessments, the only institution with such a record. All its first degrees in the subject have been converted to four-year masters programmes.

Perhaps the most surprising omission is Warwick, which has a strong record in research, but suffered in other areas.

Of the new universities, Plymouth and Leeds Metropolitan came closest to winning a place. The high costs involved and the applied nature of their work may mean that they take longer to break through than in some other subjects.

Engineering has been spared from the government's cap on student recruitment, and demand for places is rising in some areas. The traditional universities had more applicants for this autumn's courses and, although there was a slight drop in demand for the new universities' degree courses, 17 per cent more students wanted to take diplomas.

TOP 20: BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

1. Bradford
   Lancaster
   Warwick
4. Bath
   Cardiff
   Strathclyde
   UMIST
8. City
   Imperial College
10. Aston
    Manchester Met
    Sheffield Hallam
13. Middlesex
    Stirling
    Ulster
16. Greenwich
    Hertfordshire
    Heriot-Watt
    Kingston
20. Leeds Metropolitan
    Plymouth

The ranking for business and management is in some ways the odd one out because of the unusual distribution of departments offering first degrees.

Many of the traditional universities' business schools devote their efforts to postgraduate and short courses, notably the MBA. Oxford and Cambridge are only just establishing their business schools, and will not be catering for undergraduates. Neither do the London or Manchester business schools.

Of those who do, Warwick is perhaps the best-known, but Bradford and Lancaster are as successful on the measures used for our rankings. Manchester Metropolitan and Sheffield Hallam are the top-placed new universities.

As polytechnics, the new universities presided over perhaps the most rapid expansion any group of subjects has seen.

Business and management have become by far the most popular choices of their students and, although the demand for places has levelled off this year in the new universities, there has been another 14 per cent increase in the old sector.

The table has changed little since last October's first attempt.

MARC ASPLAND



Excellent tradition: LSE still thrives in social sciences

TOP 20: SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. LSE
2. Oxford
3. Essex
4. Birmingham
   Warwick
6. Bristol
   Cambridge
   Lancaster
   York
10. Edinburgh
    Glasgow
    Manchester
    Sussex
14. Bristol
    Hull
    Leicester
    Liverpool
    Nottingham
19. East Anglia; Plymouth
    Stirling; Swansea
    Ulster

London School of Economics' traditional excellence continues to hold challengers at bay in the social sciences.

The degree of specialisation which does the school no favours in a broader ranking pays off when the statistics are narrowed down to home territory. A clutch of world leaders and 50 sitting MPs among its graduates are living indications of its power. By far the highest proportion of overseas students in the university system amply demonstrates its international reputation.

Specialisation also pays off for Essex, which has shaken off a reputation for student militancy with a series of impressive research rankings and the ability to attract major projects.

Cambridge appears in a cluster of traditional universities behind Birmingham and Warwick, both of which have also registered notable research successes. Plymouth is the only one of the new universities to squeeze into the top 20, although Middlesex and Manchester Metropolitan narrowly miss out.

Social sciences continue to be popular with intending students, although the expansion has been halted by the government's fees policy.

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BARCLAYS

NEWS

Patten climbs down on testing

■ John Patten, the education secretary, yesterday announced a drastic streamlining of next year's tests for schoolchildren.

Bowing to a chorus of political and professional criticism, he told MPs that the 1994 tests for seven and 14-year-olds would be restricted to the basic subjects of English, mathematics and science. Teachers, who have protested about the workload, will no longer be required to carry out assessments in some subjects..... **Pages 1, 8, 14, 15**

US ready to split with allies on Bosnia

■ The United States appeared to be on the brink of abandoning plans for military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina last night as Washington erupted in bitter recrimination against its allies. A leading Democratic senator accused the Europeans of hypocrisy ..... **Pages 1, 10, 17**

Everest drama

Snow blindness and hurricane force winds left a British climber stranded 26,000ft up Everest last night as he attempted to descend. Harry Taylor was forced to spend another night holed up in a flimsy tent with his colleague John Barry after violent storms enveloped the mountain..... **Pages 1, 12**

Royal double vision

The Queen forgot her glasses when she arrived at the Commonwealth Institute in London yesterday to give an important address. Undaunted, she got the Duke of Edinburgh to read the speech ..... **Page 1**

Referendum pledge

John Smith, a convert to electoral reform, is planning to avoid a damaging party split by pledging a referendum on proportional representation in Labour's election manifesto..... **Pages 1, 8**

Tyneside job fears

Tyneside MPs fear thousands of shipbuilding jobs will go after the announcement yesterday that a huge defence ministry contract to build a new helicopter carrier is to go to Vickers in Barrow-in-Furness..... **Page 1**

Ronson's fightback

By Gerald Ronson's standards, he is roughing it. By anyone else's standards, he is doing not too badly as he seeks to restore the fortunes of the company he built and put behind him six months in prison..... **Pages 5, 21**

Hospital thefts

An orgy of pilfering by staff, patients and visitors is costing NHS hospitals more than £600 million a year, according to a report which also says that the thefts are being ignored by managers..... **Page 4**

Briton held in France

A British businessman has spent five months in a French jail facing drugs charges which he denies but has not yet seen a lawyer, in spite of his family's protests to the Foreign Office..... **Page 7**

Yeltsin purge

President Yeltsin of Russia has used the political clout gained from the April 25 referendum to dismiss two officials with a military and industrial background. He also urged a meeting of regional leaders to adopt a new constitution..... **Page 11**

Peking talks

Talks between Winston Lord, the American assistant secretary of state, and Chinese officials in Peking will decide if China will reap the benefit of trading privileges worth about £1.95 billion a year..... **Page 9**

ANC alert

The African National Congress is tightening security for its leaders as a result of the reported discovery of a right-wing plot to assassinate Joe Slovo, a member of the national executive and chairman of the South African Communist Party..... **Page 11**

Delhi power cuts lead to riots

■ As temperatures in Delhi soar, demonstrators have taken to the streets after several days without power or water. In an effort to save electricity in the crowded city that seems to be crumbling under the weight of its rising population, inspectors prowl residential areas listening for air conditioning being used outside the permitted times..... **Page 9**



Winning smile: Marc Aspland, of The Times, yesterday won the Whitbread/Rugby World rugby photograph of the year award with this picture of Darren Garforth, the Leicester prop, scoring a try in the annual Christmas match against the Barbarians.

BUSINESS

Maxwell sale: Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, is ready to buy Official Airlines Guides from the administrators of Maxwell Communications Corporation..... **Page 21**

Right-hand woman: Elizabeth Forsyth, who ran Asil Nadir's private investment company, tells why she has joined him in northern Cyprus..... **Page 25**

Markets: Sterling recovered and shares were subdued in the absence of a rumoured cut in interest rates. The pound rose .59 cents to $1.5452 and 1.33 pfennigs to DM2.4808. The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares rose 6.3 to 2,836.1..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Football: Barnet football club was fined £25,000 and warned as to its future conduct by the Football League yesterday for breaching its regulation on the payment of players. In November, the club was fined £50,000..... **Page 40**

Football: Chelsea are to advertise for their twelfth manager in 20 years after deciding not to offer the job to David Webb, who has been in charge since February. Among potential candidates are Glenn Hoddle, Gerry Francis and Ray Wilkins..... **Page 40**

Cricket: The employment of a third umpire for the first time in England did not prove an unqualified success at the Oval..... **Page 40**

THE ARTS

Sorely tried: What politician is not, after all, a vain man who thinks himself incredibly gifted? Margot Norman on the plight of political wives..... **Page 12**

Body discipline: Out have gone the subtle eroticism of a glimpse of underwear. In are waspy waists and bared buttocks. Alice Thomson on the Corset Ball..... **Page 13**

MEDIA

Keeping cool: "Even to mention the BBC in a political context is to plunge into deep, fermenting waters but some things should be said before everything becomes blurred." Sir Ronald Millar continues his memoirs..... **Page 28**

PEOPLE

Just the ticket: With the scaffolding coming down, the new British Library in St Pancras is fully visible for the first time. Marcus Binney offers a sneak preview of spacious interior..... **Page 29**

Laughing with Leonard: Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen performed a marathon set of soul-scouringly introspective songs at the Albert Hall, leavened with witty between-numbers chat..... **Page 30**

New broom at the Garden: The arrival of Nicholas Payne as the director of the Royal Opera has coincided with a new mood of optimism at Covent Garden. But can the revival in the Royal Opera's fortunes be sustained?..... **Page 31**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Salman Rushdie met John Major yesterday and predicted that relations between Britain and Iran would become more frosty
Page 3



Liz McColgan: a role model for many women runners, some of whom are prone to eating disorders, according to a leading coach
Page 4



Tom McNally, the sailor who crossed the Atlantic in a 5ft 4½in boat and said: "It's not a bathtub. It's smaller than most bathtubs"
Page 7

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Changing styles at No 10

■ What was it like to work for John Major after working with Margaret Thatcher for 13 years? Speechwriter Ronald Millar reports on two styles of premiership

The cancer they can cure

■ Aileen Ballantyne on new breakthroughs in the treatment of leukaemia

Only my body, not my mind

■ "It's just my body, not my mind, not my heart," says Demi Moore in *Indecent Proposal*, as she sells herself for a million dollars to Robert Redford for one night. Geoff Brown reviews the film tomorrow

TV LISTINGS

An intriguing experiment with a rare breed of horse is charted in *QED: Gallop to Freedom* (BBC1, 9.30pm). Only 1,200 Przewalski survive in the world and all of them are in zoos. Now a select few are about to be released back into the wild..... **Page 39**

OPINION

A whiff of Suez

If the result of this drawn-out quarrel is to innoculate the American public against the idea of ever coming to the aid of the Europeans again, the harm Bosnia will have done will be incalculable. . **Page 15**

The ink of panic

The education secretary seems determined to press ahead with this year's tests without compromise. How he proposes to do so remains quite mysterious..... **Page 15**

A fertile debate

In an age of newer and cheaper techniques, which might be able to create children for all but 4 per cent of infertile women, it needs to be discussed openly whether and in what circumstances infertility should be treated as an illness..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Today's cries of "Give us leadership" mean little. They come from the same people as whinged about Margaret Thatcher's domineering style and her strident presentation..... **Page 14**

ALAN COREN

This is Provence: by day the cicadas are inaudible in the rattle of typewriters, by night the glow-worms are upstaged by the flicker of VDUs, for the hills are alive with the sound of expatriate hacks shrieking that they could be the next Peter Mayle, all it takes is one good idea..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

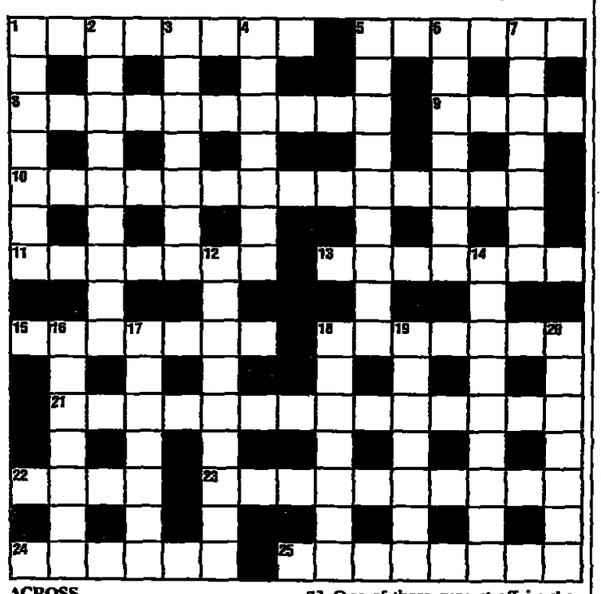
Lord Lawson defends John Major's Treasury record..... **Page 15**

FROM THE PRESS

Croatia, itself, has suffered from "ethnic cleansing" practised by the Serbs and today shelters several hundred thousand Bosnian refugees. It is astonishing therefore that it making itself an accomplice to the Croatian forces in Bosnia, in their anti-Muslim operations ... as for the international community, its attitude is, yet again, remarkably ambiguous.

— Le Monde

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ACROSS

1 How you may shortly sign yourself and the rest (2,6).

5 Makes up late news items (6).

8 Cattle disease about to return in skin plague (10).

9 Marry fellow worker (4).

10 Servant's keen to cook oversize joint (10,4).

11 Air current that makes spring warm (7).

13 Dodger from Brooklyn, perhaps, in jug (7).

15 Smart term for a stand-offish type (3-4).

18 Bear a breadbasket (7).

21 Directed to adjudicate about witches being banished (4,2,3).

22 Radio tape containing 50 per cent tittle-tattle (4).

23 One of those current affairs they talk about in the North at tea-time (6,4).

24 Refer to public notice (6).

25 Article completed without pages being tacked on (8).

DOWN

1 March hares up to this distance can be heard (7).

2 Tory to see about 18 *ac*'s insulting language (9).

3 Rope over width of ship is for keeping rafters together (3-4).

4 Blame Shylock's wife for upsetting the Italian painter (7).

5 One who gets a kick from a boot perhaps (9).

6 Small car registered in GP's name (7).

7 Terminal from defective meter (7).

12 A share to delve into (9).

14 The courage to settle down in the middle of the country (9).

16 Girl with dictionary is roped in (7).

17 Poisonous plant causing fowl pest (7).

18 Beginners gouge round the shellfish (7).

19 Supervise poem in Old English (7).

20 Rustic dance beginning (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,227

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WEATHER

Southern counties will stay cloudy and coastal fog will tend to linger. There will also be a few thundery showers, with the biggest threat near the south coast. Northern Scotland will start dry but rain is expected in the afternoon and evening. The rest of the country will be mainly dry with sunny spells. It will feel warm in the South but windy at times in the North. Outlook: becoming more unsettled and cooler.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Luxor	31	88	s
Alicatri	20	68	f	Madrid	17	63	c
Alex'dria	19	66	c	Majorca	20	68	f
Algiers	24	75	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Amst'dm	21	70	s	Malta	21	70	s
Athens	23	73	f	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	30	86	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bangkok	36	97	f	Milan	17	63	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	15	59	f
Barcelna	18	64	s	Moscow	23	73	f
Beirut	21	70	s	Munich	25	77	c
Belgrade	23	73	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Berlin	25	77	s	Naples	23	73	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N Delhi	35	95	s
Biarritz	18	64	s	N York*	21	70	s
Border'x	18	64	c	Nice	19	66	c
Brussels	26	77	s	Oslo	22	72	s
Budapst	25	77	s	Paris	24	75	s
B Aires*	19	66	c	Peking	26	79	f
Cairo	26	79	f	Perth	19	66	s
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Prague	23	73	f
Chicago*	29	84	c	Reykjavik	8	46	d
Ch'church	12	54	c	Rhodes	19	66	f
Cologne	26	79	s	Rio de J	34	93	s
C'phagn	19	66	s	Riyadh	34	93	f
Corfu	23	73	s	Rome	20	68	f
Dublin	13	55	c	Salzburg	26	77	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S F'risco*	22	72	s
Faro	19	66	c	Santiago*	12	54	r
Florence	19	66	f	S Paulo*	28	79	f
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Seoul	21	70	f
Funchal	21	70	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	22	72	f	Stockhm	20	68	s
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Helsinki	19	66	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Hong K	26	79	c	Tangier	22	72	f
Innsbruck	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	c
Istanbul	13	55	f	Tenerife	20	68	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	24	75	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	28	82	s
Karachi	40	104	s	Tunis	25	77	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Valencia	23	73	f
La Toquet	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	14	57	f
Lisbon	19	66	f	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	15	59	d	Vienna	23	73	s
London	20	68	s	Warsaw	25	77	s
L Angels*	24	75	s	Wash'ton*	18	64	s
Luxembg	24	75	s	Wel'ton	16	61	f
				Zurich	21	70	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F), min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6pm, 36 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 9pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.2hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,013.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Marham, Norfolk, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 0.83in, highest sunshine: Tiree, Strathclyde, 14.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10hr.

ABERDEEN YESTERDAY

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.0	0.05	13	55	shower
Aviemore	9.5	-	13	55	sunny
Belfast	6.7	-	16	61	bright
Birmingham	3.6	0.13	19	66	thundr
Bournemouth	8.1	-	18	64	sunny
Bristol	3.0	0.19	18	64	bright
Buxton	0.9	0.29	12	54	shower
Cardiff	2.9	0.17	17	63	rain
Clacton	10.1	0.02	16	59	sunny
Cromer	9.7	0.01	18	64	sunny
Eastbourne	9.4	0.09	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	4.1	0.06	12	54	thundr
Eskdalemuir	2.5	0.03	10	50	rain
Exmouth	4.0	0.04	16	61	sunny
Falmouth	2.8	0.01	17	63	bright
Folkestone	f0.4	0.13	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	9.4	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	10.8	0.04	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	8.4	0.04	19	66	shower
Isle of Man	3.7	0.20	14	57	rain
Jersey	6.2	-	19	66	bright
Kinloss	0.2	-	10	50	dull
Leeds	0.1	0.39	13	55	thundr
Lerwick	6.9	-	10	50	bright
Littlehampton	9.1	0.15	21	70	sunny
Liverpool	2.8	0.14	16	61	rain
London	6.0	0.22	21	70	sunny
Lowestoft	11.2	0.07	15	59	sunny
Manchester	4.2	0.04	16	61	rain
Margate	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Minehead	1.6	0.06	15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	2.8	0.05	16	61	rain
Newcastle	-	0.04	10	50	dull
Newquay	2.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	2.2	0.09	18	64	cloudy
Plymouth	3.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Poole	7.2	-	19	66	bright
Salcombe	4.4	0.05	15	59	sunny
Sandown	7.4	0.02	17	63	bright
Saunton Snd	1.2	0.02	17	63	cloudy
Scarborough	-	0.83	10	50	thundr
Scilly Isles	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Southend	8.1	0.06	19	66	sunny
Southsea	7.9	0.02	18	64	sunny
Stornoway	1f0	-	10	50	sunny
Swanage	5.0	-	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	3.8	-	15	59	bright
Tenby	1.6	-	16	61	cloudy
Tiree	14.5	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	2.4	-	17	63	cloudy
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Wick	-	-	9	48	dull
Worthing	9.2	0.13	20	68	sunny

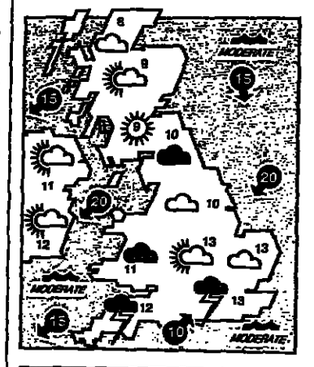
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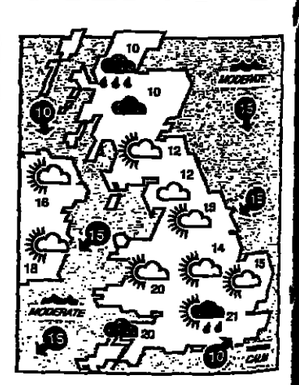
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.10
Austria Sch	18.00	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.10	49.70
Canada $	2.063	1.923
Denmark Kr	10.16	9.36
Finland Mkk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	8.836	8.136
Germany Dm	2.62	2.42
Greece Dr	351.25	328.25
Hong Kong $	12.57	11.57
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lire	2390.00	2235.00
Japan Yen	189.25	170.25
Netherlands Gld	2.84	2.72
Norway Kr	11.06	10.36
Portugal Esc	241.40	223.40
South Africa Rd	8.05	6.25
Spain Pta	189.00	175.00
Sweden Kr	12.01	11.21
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	15800.0	14800.0
USA $	1.64	1.51

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.11 pm to 4.44 am
Bristol 9.21 pm to 4.53 am
Edinburgh 9.44 pm to 4.36 am
Manchester 9.26 pm to 4.44 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.10 am

Sun rises: 5.14 am
Sun sets: 8.41 pm
Moon rises 1.25 am
Moon sets 11.11 am
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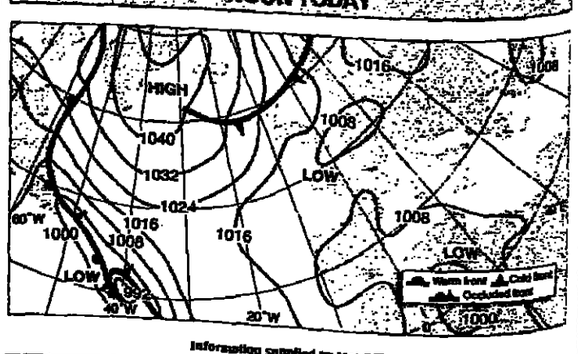
Temperatures at midday yesterday c. cloud, f. fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	f	Guernsey	16	61	f
B'mngham	19	66	s	Inverness	8	46	s
Blackpool	19	66	s	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	17	63	f	London	20	68	s
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'nchster	19	66	s
Edinburgh	12	54	s	Newcastle	12	54	s
Glasgow	18	61	s	P'mdsway	18	66	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.53	6.6	7.00	6.3	Liverpool	4.03	8.3	4.34	8.6
Aberdeen	6.12	3.6	7.11	3.4	Lowestoft	2.45	2.1	2.28	2.3
Avonmouth	12.13	10.8			Margate	5.03	4.3	5.05	4.2
Belfast	4.08	3.2	4.56	2.9	Milford Haven	11.20	5.6	11.47	5.7
Cardiff	11.58	10.0			Newquay	10.16	5.7	10.44	5.8
Devonport	10.46	4.4	10.51	4.6	Oban	10.28	2.9	11.08	3.1
Dover	4.00	5.8	4.21	5.8	Penzance	9.59	4.4	10.02	4.6
Falmouth	10.18	4.2	10.21	4.4	Portland	11.27	1.6	11.40	1.7
Glasgow	5.33	4.6	6.00	4.1	Portsmouth	4.04	4.1	4.46	4.1
Harwich	4.43	3.6	4.53	3.4	Shoreham	3.44	5.3	3.26	5.3
Hollyhead	3.13	4.9	3.58	4.4	Southampton	3.51	3.9	4.40	3.9
Hull	11.16	6.5			Swansea	11.23	7.7	11.49	7.5
Ilfracombe	11.02	7.4	11.30	7.4	Tees	6.45	4.8	9.37	4.5
King's Lynn	11.20	5.7			Wilton-on-Nbe	4.43	3.8	4.52	3.6
Leith	7.42	4.7	8.28	4.6					

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THE POUND

US $	1.5452 (+0.0059)
German mark	2.4808 (+0.0133)
Exchange index	80.4 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2836.1 (+6.3)
Dow Jones	3447.99 (+4.71)*
Nikkei Avg	20940.37 (-114.34)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6-5⁷/₁₆%
US Federal Funds	2¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.90-2.89%*
Long Bond	6.83%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5420*	£:$	1.5425
$:DM	1.6085*	£:DM	2.4795
$:Swfr	1.4585*	£:Swfr	2.2482
$:Ffr	5.4225*	£:Ffr	8.3490
$:Yen	111.15*	£:Yen	171.57
£:SDR	1.0925	£:ECU	1.2669

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 355.35 PM 355.35
Close 356.50-357.00
New York:
Comex 357.35-357.85*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.3 March (1.9%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Reed ready to pay $425m for Maxwell guide

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publisher, is set to buy the Official Airlines Guide from the joint administrators of Maxwell Communication for $425 million

REED Elsevier has signed a letter of intent to buy the assets of the Official Airlines Guide Inc from the joint administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation for $425 million.

It is understood to be the fourth time Reed has made an approach for Official Airlines Guide. The last was in October 1988, when Mr Maxwell paid Dun & Bradstreet $750 million for Official Airlines Guide. Other approaches were made to Dun & Bradstreet in 1985 and 1986.

Alan Jamieson, of Price Waterhouse, one of the administrators, said £56 million had so far been raised in selling MCC assets but administrators were still on target to raise between $700 million and $1.1 billion to repay creditors, giving them between 22 and 43 per cent of claims. A first dividend is expected at the end of the year.

Reed said last June that it wanted to buy the Official Airlines Guide because it would fit with existing businesses in the same market such as the *World Airways Guide* publisher, ABC International, and the hotel reservation company Utell International. Analysts said the value to Reed was far more than $425 million, giving it what one analyst described as world domination.

The letter of intent was described as non-binding and non-exclusive and is subject to due diligence checks on Official Airlines Guide by Reed. Mr Jamieson said: "We are still negotiating with other parties over the sale of part or all of what we call MacMillan and OAG. If we get a better bid we might in the end not sell to Reed."

Formalities are expected to take between three and six months. Reed is expected to finance the deal from its own resources.

The deal is the first major disposal by administrators handling the American companies owned by MCC. It is understood they are considering initial offers for MacMillan, with a refined bid due in the next few weeks. Offers are also being sought for Molecular Design, SRDS and Collier.

Official Airlines Guide publ[illegible] scope for acquisitions. The group would like to buy Official Airline Guides from the Maxwell administrators but it will not pay more than $500 million at best, so there's

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lishes and provides electronic information on airline schedules and fares and has a stable of travel industry guides.

The late Robert Maxwell acquired Official Airlines Guide as part of a strategy to build up a major presence in American publishing. The deal was struck just days before a court victory of Mr Maxwell over Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the leading US buyout specialists, which led to him paying $2,500 million for MacMillan, the New York publisher. That, in turn, was part of Maxwell plans to build a global information and communications company with annual revenues of £3 billion and £5 billion. Shortly after the huge takeovers, analysts detected signs of strain within the MCC structure. Plans for disposals were in train when Mr Maxwell's body was discovered in November 1991.

Both parties to yesterday's deal said they will file a notification with the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act shortly. Analysts believe, however, that Reed will be able to argue that the market position of printed guides was being dominated by on-screeen rivals and that the deal would not pose a monopoly problem.

☐ Reed Elsevier also announced agreement with shareholders and the chairman of Editions Techniques to acquire a controlling stake in France's largest general legal publisher. Editions Techniques' main publication, *Juris Classeurs*, covers virtually all judicial disciplines and consists of 80 titles. Editions achieved sales in 1992 of around Fr400 million.

Reed Elsevier, formed by a merger of the British and Dutch publishers Reed International and Elsevier this year, said the purchase would strengthen its position in European markets for professional information.

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Heron directors face $83m suit



Savings and loss: Gerald Ronson and other Pima directors are accused of mismanagement

BY JON ASHWORTH

CREDITORS of Heron International received a fresh shock yesterday when it emerged that Gerald Ronson and his fellow directors are facing legal action in America involving up to $83 million.

The action stems from the collapse of Pima Savings, an Arizona savings and loans company that Heron bought in 1980.

Documents outlining Heron's £1.4 billion restructuring reveal that the Resolution Trust Corporation, set up by the US government to recover funds lost when the savings and loans industry collapsed, wrote in February to Mr Ronson, Alan Goldman, Heron's deputy chief executive, and other former Pima directors.

The RTC claimed in the letter that Pima incurred losses of approximately $83 million resulting from, among other things, "unsafe and unsound lending practices and mismanagement". It demanded reimbursement from Mr Ronson and his associates but gave them leave to appeal.

The documents further reveal that a Colorado jury has already ruled against Mr Ronson in connection with a law suit brought against a Heron subsidiary in April 1990. No judgment has been made, but Heron expects any award which may arise to be in the region of $7 million.

Heron has agreed to indemnify its directors against legal costs to a maximum of $9 million. A $4 million general litigation fund is being set up.

Bondholders are concerned about the impact of costly legal settlements at such a critical time in the company's history. However, a Heron spokesman said yesterday that fines and settlements had been provided for in the current business plan. There would be no further claims on bondholders or creditors.

Bondholders will vote on the restructuring plans at three meetings. UK creditors meet on June 28 and Dutch bondholders meet on June 30. The final meeting is in the Netherlands Antilles on July 5.

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BAT shakes up financial services

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

ALLIED Dunbar and Eagle Star, the two culturally different insurance subsidiaries of BAT Industries, are to form closer links after the formation of a new post that brings the chairmanships of both companies under one man.

George Greener, who was headhunted from Mars Corporation in 1991 to become Allied Dunbar's chief executive and later was made chairman, has been appointed as chief executive of the UK financial services operations.

According to BAT, Mr Greener's appointment reflects the intention to "develop further co-operation" between the two insurance companies. However, City analysts were sceptical, saying they could see few opportunities for the two companies to form closer ties.

Paul Beaufrere, an analyst at James Capel, said: "So often in the past, Allied Dunbar has been seen as a very different animal from Eagle Star. It is hard to see them co-operating or getting closer."

Part of the scepticism is the result of the marked difference in the company brand names. Eagle Star is a household name with a reputation for being traditional, while Allied Dunbar has earned the nickname "Allied Crowbar" as a result of the sales tactics of its direct sales force of nearly 4,500. Allied Dunbar, which is a broadly based life company, conducts about 90 per cent of its business through its direct sales staff, while Eagle Star, which is a composite insurer, tends to operate through ties and a network of brokers.

Mr Greener said there were "clearly opportunities" of a multi-channel distribution strategy but that he "didn't want to get people prematurely excited" by revealing any possible plans. He did, however, suggest that there could be benefits from combining various parts of the two companies, such as the management of their investment funds, data processing and selection of information technology. "These sort of possibilities do exist, but the primary motive is for us to seek profitable growth," he said.

The international expansion of the two companies is also likely to be managed on a single front, a move that will avoid the two sister companies from stepping on each other's toes.

Better ways to raise City standards



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Who can blame Asil Nadir for skipping the country? Two and a half years after the first raid on South Audley Management, his personal company, he had not even been brought to trial. Meanwhile, the loss of credit confidence caused by the raids had quickly brought the insolvency of Polly Peck, the quoted company he built up.

Mr Nadir is principally charged, in effect, with defrauding the other shareholders of Polly Peck, yet it is a fair bet that those shareholders would much sooner have left things as they were. To invest in Polly Peck, you should, after all, have been the sort of person who does not ask too many questions. The company always had an air of mystery and subterfuge, linked to the origins of its business in Northern Cyprus, where most commercial assets were booty of war.

Mr Nadir is not an attractive figure and, aside from those who have lost money, few may mourn the decline of Polly Peck. Much more economic damage has been done, not least to charities, by the plight of Heron International, the private company controlled by Gerald Ronson's family and trusts. Heron was in all the wrong businesses to face the recession. Yet many would have bet on the tough Ronson to pull through reasonably intact, had he not spent time in Ford open prison at a critical time for the property market. No wonder bank creditors are keen to ensure he stays managing the company rather than starting up again somewhere else. Mr Ronson was one of the few successfully prosecuted over the Guinness takeover of Distillers, in a legal process that lasted all of seven years and finished only two months ago with a celebrated acquittal.

The Serious Fraud Office may be a laughing stock, but it has caused mayhem and cost taxpayers a fortune. It is less obvious that it has any useful role in stopping financial cheating or raising business standards, as opposed to putting behind bars crooks who set out to divert other people's money into their own pockets.

Last week, a leading City fund manager complained that insider dealing on the Stock Exchange is commonplace and not treated seriously enough. The Exchange, which routinely monitors suspicious share price movements ahead of announcements, claimed the problem was not in investigation but in mounting successful prosecutions. Opinion surveys suggest that the public does not regard insider trading as a particularly heinous business crime, like raiding pension funds or polluting the land.

The public is right. Insider dealing mainly damages the workings and reputation of markets. It is not even clear what is and what is not technically insider dealing. Practices long regarded as normal, such as stockbrokers trying to get the best private information for their clients, or City lunches at which leading businessmen brief insitutional investors or analysts on latest developments, may be illegal under present law or might become so shortly. Mr Ronson, remember, did not realise his covert financial support for Guinness was illegal, though he should have done. It certainly undermined business standards. That should be the test. Instead of spending years investigating in the hope of finding something that fits the description of a criminal offence, the authorities should be getting on with rapid enquiries into misdemeanours and handing out discipline rapidly to miscreants. In that way, it can quickly be established what is acceptable and what is banned, as is now happening in company accounts. Codes of behaviour can be changed quickly where necessary.

In some areas, this is happening even without a Securities and Exchange Commission. The Securities and Futures Authority has been hard on securities houses not monitoring their operations properly to ensure that rules are not broken. Not surprisingly, standards have risen. Lautro, the insurance industry regulator, has levied six-figure fines to stop malpractice and sloppy practice. Yet regulation is patchy. In some areas, the government needs to give regulators more powers. The Bank of England prefers to operate secretly when it would achieve more by disciplining its charges in public. That is a far better way of raising standards than the occasional show trial.

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Carclo merges with Arthur Lee in £57m agreed deal

By Martin Flanagan

CARCLO Engineering and Arthur Lee, two leading Yorkshire engineering companies, yesterday announced an agreed £57 million merger to create a combined business with sales of about £180 million. Carclo is offering seven new shares for every nine Arthur Lee shares, valuing the latter at 170.4p a share. There is a cash alternative of 151.7p a share.

The tie-up had been well telegraphed, with Carclo, based in Leeds, building up a stake in Sheffield-based Arthur Lee, which makes wire products, steels and specialised plastics, since 1990. Last October the stake rose from just under 8 per cent to 29.9 per cent. Both companies' shares were suspended on Monday pending an announcement. Together with irrevocable undertakings from Arthur Lee directors and others, Carclo already speaks for 49 per cent of its target. Carclo, which makes wire products, card clothing for the textile industry, and control cables for cars, said yesterday that three reasons for the merger were the potential for economies of scale, cost efficiencies and a broader product range. However, John Ewart, Carclo's chairman, refused to say if the merger would mean job cuts, via rationalisation. "We don't want to comment on that," he said.

Mr Ewart would also not be drawn on the annualised savings the enlarged group envisaged, although he confirmed the shutters would go up at the Leeds headquarters of Carclo and the operational centre would be transferred to the Arthur Lee headquarters.

In addition to the offer, Arthur Lee shareholders will receive a special interim dividend of 4p.

On economies of scale, Mr Ewart cited the purchase of steel and energy. "The bigger tonnage of steel you buy, the bigger the discount you get, and it is a similar situation with energy costs," he said. It is understood Arthur Lee's major institutional shareholders, such as the Prudential and M&G, support the takeover.

Mr Ewart said exports accounted for a "significant" proportion of both companies' sales, and the combined operation would continue to benefit from sterling's effective devaluation since leaving the exchange-rate mechanism. The enlarged group's principal overseas markets are the United States, mainland Europe and the Far East.

On the domestic front, the merger makes Carclo the second biggest wire rope producer in the UK, but still a long way behind Bridon.

In the year to end-March, Carclo estimates its taxable profits were not less than £8 million. In the six months to end-March, Arthur Lee estimates its profits were at least £2.1 million. Five Arthur Lee directors will join Carclo's board, with Peter Lee, chairman of Arthur Lee, becoming deputy chairman of Carclo.

In the market, Carclo's shares fell 12p to 211p, while Arthur Lee rose 17p to 159p.



Turning circle: Tony Mitchard believes the time is right for Avon to spend on technology and increased capacity

Avon call puts brake on shares

AVON Rubber, the tyre and car parts maker, made a £22.5 million cash call on shareholders to fund increased capital expenditure on technology and manufacturing capacity (Martin Flanagan writes).

The rights issue is on the basis of one new share for every four held at 440p, an 18 per cent discount to the 540p market price. Following the announcement, the shares fell 31p to 509p.

Avon, which underwent significant restructuring in 1992, also disclosed yesterday that in the six months to April 3, pre-tax profits increased to just over £5 million (£4.1 million).

On the cash-raising exercise, Tony Mitchard, chief executive, said annual overheads had been cut by £5 million in the past year. He said management had identified growth areas and it was "prudent and timely" to invest in technology and manufacturing capacity. Mr Mitchard added that capital spending over the next two years would total £40 million, partly underpinned by the rights issue.

On current trading, the chief executive said the recovery apparent in the UK and US was not being seen in continental Europe. Earnings per share in the period rose to 15.5p (11.1p), and the interim dividend is maintained at 5p.

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Erskine House rises on £67m takeover

SHARES in Erskine House Group surged 54p to 89p on news that the office equipment distributor is to be taken over by the UK arm of America's Alco Standard Corporation in a deal worth £67.4 million. Erskine's board has recommended the offer from Alco under which shareholders can opt for 90p per share in cash or the equivalent in Alco Standard loan notes. There is a separate preference offer of 100p in cash for each share.

The New York-quoted Alco Standard had pre-tax profits of £112.7 million in the year to end-September, on revenues of £3.2 billion. The group already has a 49.9 per cent stake in IMM, Germany's leading office products dealer and number one in Europe. Ray Mundt, Alco's chairman and chief executive officer, said: "It is an outstanding fit . . . The UK is a logical next step for us." But Erskine's figures showed sales falling, mainly due to a decline in UK demand, with pre-tax profits 29 per cent lower at £4.7 million in the half year to end-September. The group plans a second interim payout of 2.5p on the bid going unconditional.

Unigate shares sour

SHARES in Unigate fell 12p to 353p after the food and dairy group postponed its American public offering in the US restaurant business because of low sales. It had been expected to receive £140 million from the offer to help pay for the £100 million of acquisitions made in February. These left the balance sheet with debts of 60 per cent of shareholders' funds. Unigate said sales at the restaurants were hit by the recent storms and have yet to recover.

PR firm advances

HOLMES & Marchant, the marketing and PR consultancy, earned taxable profits of £299,000 (£715,000 loss) in the six months to end-March. The improved performance at operating level — with profits up from £963,000 to £1.2 million — was driven by a cut in administrative expenses from £6.1 million to £5.6 million. Turnover in the period fell from £16.9 million to £16.7 million, with earnings of 1p a share (2p loss). There is no interim dividend.

Rolls seeks Taiwan aid

ROLLS-ROYCE is seeking Taiwanese investment in a US$350 million project to develop a new jet engine for commercial airliners, the Taiwan government said. Ralph Robins, chairman of Rolls-Royce, pictured right, has met Taiwan's Premier to discuss the possibility. Rolls-Royce plans to co-operate with BMW to develop the engine, the government said. In January, Taiwan Aerospace Corp, 29 per cent state owned, agreed to a US$370 million joint venture with British Aerospace to make regional passenger jets.



Care homes eye listing

COURT Cavendish Group, an operator of care homes, plans to seek a Stock Exchange listing this summer. It currently operates 24 homes, including 19 in southern England, with a total of 1,202 beds. The business was founded in late 1988 and expanded quickly through the acquisition of 12 homes from Ladbroke Group, with funding provided by venture capitalists and Royal Bank of Scotland. UBS will be sponsors and brokers to the issue.

Crean's £30m write-off

JAMES Crean, the Irish industrial holding group, is writing off in full its investment in International Aircraft Services, the aircraft leasing company in which it has a 38 per cent stake, at a cost of Ir£30.7 million (£30.2 million). The provision covers all Crean's loans, investments and guarantees to IAS. Crean reported pre-tax losses of Ir£15.4 million for 1992 after total provisions of Ir£32.5 million. The company said it was still committed to assisting IAS.

Builder passes payout

MCLAUGHLIN & Harvey, the Northern Ireland building contractor and housebuilder, again passed the dividend after pre-tax losses deepened to £6.8 million last year from £5.4 million previously. Exceptional costs of £3.34 million against writedowns, bad debts and redundancies compared with the £4.1 million charge taken in 1991. Losses rose to 112.2p a share from 80.3p. The shares fell 2p to 58p, against 135p offered in a failed bid for the company in 1990.

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Offshore salesman agrees to court ban

BY CARL MORTISHED

IAN Lloyd Wright, an offshore investment salesman, gave undertakings in the High Court yesterday not to conduct unauthorised investment business in the UK and to refrain from making false or misleading statements, or making unsolicited calls on investors.

The Securities and Investments Board, which is investigating Mr Wright following complaints by investors, also obtained injunctions freezing the worldwide assets of LW Investments, Mr Wright's company, and preventing it selling unauthorised investments in the UK.

The injunctions and undertakings last until June 8 and renew the curb on Mr Wright's activities which the SIB obtained in the High Court on April 20.

Christopher Pymont, counsel for the SIB, told the court that Mr Wright had been selling Eagle Star investments but in the last few months had invited investors to switch out of certain Eagle Star policies and invest in LWI's Growth Bond. According to the SIB, some £450,000 of UK investors money was paid into an LWI bank account. "It appears that, instead of being put into an investment fund, much of this money has been paid to the benefit of a Mr Kitallides. We don't know why, or what happened." Mr Pymont said. He added that Mr Kittalides also went by the name of Mr Hajirodothou.

LWI is a company registered in Delaware but Mr Wright has operated in South Africa and has a base in Cyprus. He has been described as "the million dollar man" because of his high commission earnings from selling investments. Information obtained by the SIB from South Africa suggest that LWI has received some £4 million of investors money but it is not clear how much came from the UK.

Mr Wright's undertakings were made without admission to the evidence presented by the SIB who are now awaiting an affidavit from Mr Wright concerning the whereabouts of the LWI assets.

The SIB believes that "Mr Kittalides" is Andrew Kittalides, an English Cypriot businessman who is involved in a dispute with Goodman International, the Irish meat company, which is attempting to recover £20 million currently frozen in a Cyprus bank account. The Irish company loaned £20 million to Joe Kenny, an Irish farmer, for a business venture. The money was then given to Mr Kittalides and it was paid into a Cyprus bank account controlled by him and Nestorn Hajidorothou, his father. Mr Kittalides controls City Project Financiers, a company based in Bethnal Green, London.

Mr Wright has been active in financial services in the UK before. Lloyd Wright School Fee Services was taken over by his former wife, Joanna Carvell who changed the name of the company to Parents School Fees Services. In June 1989, she was jailed for two years after being convicted for fraud and theft. She was said to have taken money from clients intended for school fees plans which was not invested.

The court was told by her defence counsel that she had been influenced by Mr Wright who left her with an insolvent business.

TED DITCHBURN



Knight of the shires: Sir Paul Nicholson, above, announced that Vaux, the North East brewing, hotel and nursing home group, raised profits before tax and disposals by 4.9 per cent to £9.7 million in the six months to March 20 on sales down 11.5 per cent to £106 million. The shares fell 2p to 245p. Earnings before property disposals and sales of businesses rose 6.69 per cent to 5.42p out of which a maintained half year dividend of 3.25p is to be paid.

Sir Paul, the company's chairman, said: "Beer consumption nationally is on a downward trend and while there has been some recovery in hotel occupancies, this was at substantially lower room rates." He saw "some bright spots which give hopeful signs for the future". Sir Paul added: "Pundits are now saying that the recession is over. If they are right, we can expect a recovery in hotel profits, which has been the biggest problem faced by the group in this recession."

Gencor eyes Shell metal businesses

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

GENCOR, the South African mining giant, has approached Royal Dutch/Shell Group with a view to buying the majority of its upstream exploration, metals and mining interests.

Industry experts believe the broad spread of operations, both geographically and in products, could have a price tag of more than $1 billion for 70 per cent of the assets. Some estimates put the deal at double that figure.

The businesses include alumina refining joint ventures in Brazil, Australia and Surinam and aluminium smelting operations in Brazil; mining in six countries mainly of gold, nickel and zinc; exploration rights in several countries, including a major Chilean copper reserve; and a global metals marketing and trading network.

Shell stressed that no firm agreement had been reached. "We think this to be realistic enough to consider and to see if it will fly. But it is far too early to talk figures," a spokesman said.

One analyst said: "Gencor tend to bypass the financial community and have no doubt done their homework, including how to finance the deal."

Gencor also unveiled a proposed unbundling of its non-mining assets. The intention is that Gencor, which will retain its name, will concentrate its assets and activities in the areas of mining, metals and mineral beneficiation.

Shell shares closed 10p higher at 581p.

Gestetner boss to go after sale of shares

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

BASIL Sellers, the Australian who bought into Gestetner in 1986, is selling out to Inchcape, the business services group, and is to stand down as chairman and chief executive. Inchcape is to appoint two directors to the Gestetner board, for whom a new full-time chairman will be sought.

The sell-out accompanies £45 million of restructuring and write-downs at Gestetner, which warned its shareholders yesterday that its first half will show a small profit before the one-off charge.

Inchcape is paying £36.8 million for a 15.3 per cent stake in Gestetner and has an option over some convertible stock which would take its stake up to 24.6 per cent on or before July 1994. Inchcape already does a substantial amount of business with Ricoh, the Japanese manufacturer, Gestetner's other big shareholder, which holds 24 per cent. Inchcape sought Takeover Panel approval for the stake before the deal was announced. The panel has ruled that Inchcape and Ricoh are not acting in concert. The Gestetner share price had risen late last year on talk of a joint bid from Inchcape and Ricoh, before falling back.

Mr Sellers' Chiltern vehicle is believed to have bought into Gestetner at between 100p and 150p in late 1986, compared with the 139p Inchcape is to pay. It is understood that half of the £45 million charge will go on redundancies. The rest will go on making Gestetner's accounts more conservative by taking the £7 million cost of a computer system out of the balance sheet and writing down the value of empty properties.

Charles Mackay, Inchcape chief executive, has not been given access to private information which would enable the traditional "due diligence" process of checking on a company's finances, and Inchcape has therefore split its investment into two tranches — yesterday's deal for the ordinary shares and the £41 million option over the convertibles.

Inchcape shares fell 8p to 583p yesterday. It is placing shares at 570p to raise £40.4 million to pay for the Gestetner shares. Gestetner rose 7p to 130p.



Mackay: panel clearance

Treasury helps revive sterling

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING regained some poise yesterday as Treasury officials made clear that the government was happy with base rates at their current level.

The pound benefited from buying at its lows against the mark in the Far East overnight to close yesterday at DM2.4808 compared with Monday's sharply lower close at DM2.4675. It also recouped some ground against the dollar to close more than a cent higher at $1.5452.

Sterling's trade weighted index recovered to 80.4 from Monday's closing 79.9, the lowest close for more than a month.

Treasury officials reiterated the government's view that 6 per cent base rates are at the right level for recovery. Their remarks came in response to the sharp fall in sterling on Monday as markets speculated that the government, weakened by last week's local election defeats, would now be more tempted to cut interest rates again if there was any sign of the recovery faltering. There is some nervousness in the City about next week's unemployment figures, but yesterday the economic news continued positive.

Housebuilding starts in the first three months of this year showed the largest rise since the end of 1988, up 43,900 for a year-on-year rise of 7 per cent.

Tony Baldry, environment minister, said: "These figures are consistent with a number of signs of recovery in the housing market. The recent rise in house prices was the largest for four years. Estate agents and housebuilders are reporting increased activity." He said that measures aimed at helping the housing market announced in the Autumn Statement and the Budget were now having an effect.

Investors' green shoots wither

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE green investment bubble has burst. Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, has decided to end its annual green investment review, published since 1989, to "protect" clients money.

The May issue of its review for private clients was due to be the green issue but Patrick Crosthwaite, managing director, decided there was little money to be made from environmental stocks. Eric Hathorn, the editor, says: "Once the market had become aware of the depth of investors' feelings about the environment, a number of specialist funds were established: most of these have done little more than salve the consciences of their shareholders, having failed to perform well, and in many instances have adopted suspect criteria."

Environmental investment has attracted more than £100 million from individuals and the environmental research unit estimates some £11 billion is held by British institutions that say they are mindful of environmental issues.

Mr Hathorn adds: "For us to recommend a share for its environmental strengths, the company concerned has to make money for its shareholders from its environmental activities and not simply spend money on them. That limits the field to a small number of companies, mostly invested in waste disposal, and since, this year, we can identify few if any stocks among them which we believe to be undervalued, we see no reason to devote further space to the topic." However, the firm says it will respect the wish of clients who want to see their money invested in environmentally friendly stocks.

Environmental funds have tended to opt for companies attempting to improve the environment, whereas ethical funds have tended to avoid firms involved in industries such as arms and tobacco, or repressive regimes. This has led some investors to be disappointed. For example, TSB's environmental unit trust, launched in 1989, was criticised for buying ICI shares but defended its investment in the UK's largest producer of chlorofluorocarbons saying ICI had committed £1 billion to environmental matters.

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	3 Months to 31.3.93 Estimated £m	3 Months to 31.3.92 Estimated £m
General Premiums	1,019.8	914.7
Life Premiums	207.0	165.1
Net Investment Income	115.6	102.7
Underwriting Loss	(80.5)	(135.0)
Profit/Loss before Taxation	41.9	(29.0)
Profit/Loss attributable to Shareholders	31.7	(23.3)
Earnings per Ordinary Share	6.2p	(5.4p)

- Pre-tax profit of £41.9m represents an improvement of £70.9m.
- Substantial improvement in the UK across all major classes.
- Encouraging results from the United States.
- Satisfactory performance in Canada.
- Excellent results throughout the Pacific.
- Further good progress in Life operations.
- Net investment income up 9.3%.
- Current solvency margin 46.1%.

Nelson Robertson, Chief Executive, commented:
"We have made a strong start to 1993 and we expect this positive trend to continue."

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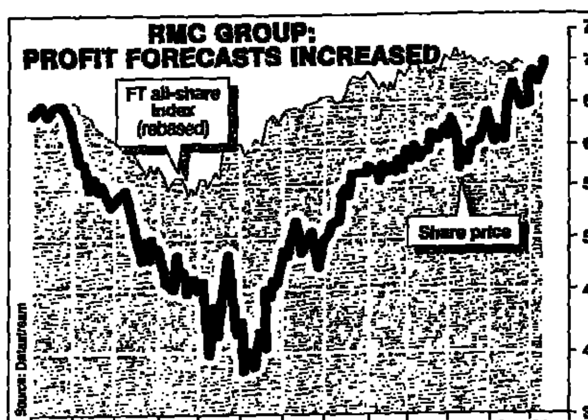
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STOCK MARKET

WH Smith takes a hit after talk of Do It All disposals



Camden: shares boost



WH SMITH spent yesterday afternoon talking to City stockbrokers and was later forced to deny claims that it was disposing of its half of the Do It All DIY joint venture with Boots.

The 230-strong loss-making Do It All chain is the third biggest in the high street after B&Q, owned by **Kingfisher**, and Texas, part of the **Ladbroke** empire.

Word among the speculators suggested that **J. Sainsbury**, Britain's biggest supermarket chain, might decide to make an offer for the business. Sainsbury has a presence in the DIY market through its 60 Homebase stores and most analysts admit Do It All would fit neatly into the Sainsbury set-up.

The DIY market has been badly hit by recession, resulting in a savage price war. Analysts claim that there are too many players in the game and that it will be a case of survival of the fittest. But WH Smith said there was no truth in the story: "Its all rumour. We have been talking to analysts all afternoon, but we've got no idea whose been spreading the story". WH Smith ended the session with the A shares 7p lower at 458p and the B unchanged at 88p. Boots was unchanged at 439p, while Kingfisher firmed 4p to 599p and Ladbroke ended 1p dearer at 161p. Coincidently, Sainsbury is due to unveil interim figures later today showing pre-tax profits up from £632 million to £740 million. It finished 13p higher at 481p.

Events on the rest of the market were again dominated by the future, which spent a volatile session as the bear squeeze continued. The FT-SE 100 index reversed an early six point fall to end 6.3 better at 2,836.1. Turnover grew to 676 million shares, helped by news of several large corporate deals. There was also talk that another sizable bid was about to be launched.

ICI spent a volatile session before the expected pricing of the soon to be demerged Zeneca rights issue. The fall in the price wiped out most of Monday's lead. It finished 21p down £12.63.

The bid talk surrounding **United Biscuits** showed signs of boiling over as the price retreated 9p to 425p. This provided **Cadbury Schweppes** with the scope to rally 6p to 449p. **Shell** recovered an early mark-down to finish the session 3p better at 574p. **Gencor**, the South African mining group, wants to buy most of its metal assets.

RMC Group, chaired by John Camden, breached the £7 mark, with a rise of 16p to 701p after Cazenove, the company's own broker, increased its profit estimates. Strauss Turnbull, a rival broker, also reiterated its buy recommendation. It said RMC was a quality stock, with a strong net asset value and good earnings prospects, long term. Strauss expects pre-tax profits in the current year to grow from £166.6 million to £195 million.

Arthur Lee, the steelmaker, returned from suspension 17p dearer at 159p after receiving terms of an agreed bid, worth 170.4p a share, from **Cardo Engineering**. Cardo is offering seven new shares for every nine of Arthur Lee, valuing the group at £57 million.

Last November, Cardo raised its stake in Arthur Lee to almost 30 per cent with the acquisition of an 18.5 per cent stake held by GM Firth for 80p a share. Shares of Cardo, which were also suspended on Monday, resumed trading 12p lower at 211p.

Erskine House, the office supplies group, soared 63p to 89p after announcing details of an agreed £67.4 million bid from Alco Standard, the American office equipment group. Meanwhile, **Inchcape**, the overseas trading company, has taken a 15 per cent stake in **Gestetner**, the photocopier group. Gestetner responded with a rise of 6p to 129p, while the capital shares hardened 9p to 132p. Inchcape bought the stake from Chiltern Capital, the Australian group, paying 129p a share and valuing the holding at £36.8 million. Inchcape, down 3p at 588p, is funding the deal with an issue of new shares at 570p.

Gestetner said it was being forced to make provisions of £45 million for redundancy costs and property write-downs and expected to make a loss at the half-way stage. Last year, the group made pretax profits of £27.2 million. Basil Sellers has resigned as chairman and chief executive.

General Accident rose 14p to 587p after returning to the black in the first quarter, with pre-tax profits of almost £42 million against a loss of £29 million last time. Underwriting loses fell from £135 million to £80.5 million helped by a recovery in the UK.

MICHAEL CLARK

Expect a handsome premium when trading starts on Monday in Division Group, the computer specialist, after a placing at 40p. Market-makers will not be caught short of stock as they were with Tadpole Technology.

VSEL jumped 35p to 725p in late trading after the defence ministry awarded it a contract to build a helicopter carrier for the Royal Navy. The order is worth £170 million and will be undertaken with Kvaerner at Govan.

Boots chief to take chair at Costain

Costain, the construction group that has received approaches for the possible purchase of its loss-making UK housebuilding division, has appointed a new chairman.

Sir Christopher Benson, currently chairman of Boots, the stores group, and MEPC, the property company, is to take over the job next month from Peter Sawdy, who wanted to step down after more than two years in the job and 14 years as a director.

Systems failure

MJN Technology, a computer manufacturer based in Cheltenham, has gone into liquidation with the loss of 77 jobs. Grant Thornton, the accountant, has been appointed liquidator and will try to sell the business as a going concern. About 100 trade suppliers and 700 depositors are owed money.

Primerica job cuts

Primerica, the Wall Street investment bank buying most of Shearson Lehman Brothers from American Express for $1.1 billion, says 1,500 jobs will be cut from the combined firm by the end of the year. The figure is 50 per cent up on Primerica's first estimate.

Packer sells stake

Kerry Packer's Consolidated Press Holdings has sold 140 million shares in Westpac Bank Corp to Lend Lease, the property and financial services group, at A$3.50 (£1.60) each. Mr Packer accumulated his 10 per cent stake late last year, but resigned from the board in January, just one week after joining it, following a disagreement over the bank's recovery programme.

Huntingdon slides

Huntingdon International, the life sciences and engineering services group, has seen pre-tax profits fall sharply in the six months to March 31 — from £6.9 million to £984,000. The damage was done by a £3 million exceptional charge. Earnings per share have fallen from 0.056p to 0.009p. The interim dividend is held at 0.875p.

Ericsson surge

LM Ericsson, the Swedish telecommunications group, surged back to a pre-tax profit of 428 million Swedish krona (£37.6 million) in the first quarter from a Kr363 million loss in the same period last year. Sales jumped Kr3.5 billion to Kr12.9 billion.

WALL STREET

Plodding session for a lacklustre Dow

New York — Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in early trading as the stock market plodded ahead without a trend or a leader in anticipation of a bond auction and the publication of inflation data.

Program trading infused some energy into blue chips and they clung on to the upside. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.88 points to 3,447.16. Declining shares had a small edge over advancing issues. Ralph Bloch, chief technical analyst with Raymond James and Associates, said: "Whenever the market comes within sniffing distance of new highs, the pressure turns it down."

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed after profit-taking and arbitrage unwinding wiped out early gains spurred by the yen's overnight fall. The Nikkei average fell 114.34 points to 20,940.37.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares rallied after an announcement that the Sino-British Land Commission had agreed on the land sales programme for this year. The Hang Seng index leapt 107.83 points to close at 6,847.06.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed higher with selected institutional buying boosting the market index, but overall trade remained mixed. The Straits Times industrial index rose 22.02 points to 1,794.04.

Sydney — The market closed sharply higher, spurred on by heavy demand for Westpac. The all-ordinaries index closed up 15.4 points at 1687.4. *(Reuter)*

	May 11 midday	May 10 close
AMP Inc	62¾	62⅞
AMR Corp	67⅛	67⅜
Abbott Labs	27⅝	27½
Aetna Life	53⅜	53⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅛	17⅛
Air Prod & Chem	43⅛	42⅞
Albertson's	56⅛	56⅛
Alcan Aluminum	18⅛	18⅞
Alco Standard	47¼	47⅜
Allied Signal	63⅞	63
Alum Co of Am	63⅞	63½
Amax	16⅛	16⅞
Amerada Hess	52⅝	52⅜
Amer Brands	32⅞	32⅜
Amer Cyanamid	51½	51½
Amer El Power	35⅛	36⅛
Amer Express	27⅛	27⅜
Amer Genl Corp	39⅜	28⅞
Amer Home Pr	65⅛	65⅞
Amer Intl	129⅞	128⅞
Amer Stores	41⅞	42
Amer T & T	56	56
Ameritech	74½	74⅞
Amoco	54½	55⅜
Anheuser-Busch	51⅛	49⅞
Apple Computer	54½	55
Archer Daniels	23⅝	24
Arkla	9⅞	10
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	31½	31½
Asarco	18½	17⅞
Ashland Oil	25⅝	25⅜
Atl Richfield	121⅞	121
Auto Data Pro	49⅞	49⅞
Avery Dennison	31½	30⅞
Avon Products	55⅛	55⅝
Baker Hughes	27⅛	27⅝
Baltim Gas & El	25⅝	25⅞
Banc One	53⅛	52⅝
BankAmerica	46⅛	46⅞
Bank of NY	53⅛	52⅞
Bankers Tr NY	71½	70⅞
Barnett Banks	43	43
Bausch & Lomb	52⅝	53
Baxter Intl	29⅝	29⅞
Becton Dicksn	36⅛	36⅜
Bell Atlantic	53⅝	52⅞
BellSouth	52⅝	52½
Black & Decker	19⅛	19⅛
Block (H&R)	33⅝	33⅜
Boeing	38⅝	38⅞
Boise Cascade	25⅜	25⅝
Borden Inc	21½	21½
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅝	60⅛
Browning Ferris	25⅜	26
Burlington Nthn	54⅜	54⅞
CBS	235⅜	236⅛
CNA Financial	95⅛	96⅛
CPC Intl	44⅛	44⅞
CSX	73⅛	72⅝
Campbell Soup	39⅜	40
Can Pacific	16	15⅞
Cpl Cities ABC	522	525
Cpl Holdings	37⅝	38⅛
Carolina Pwr	32⅝	33⅛
Caterpillar	69⅝	68⅞
Central & SW	31⅛	32
Champion Intl	32⅝	32⅞
Chase Manhat	30⅞	29⅞
Chemical Bk	38⅛	38⅛
Chevron Corp	86	85⅞
Chrysler	42⅞	42⅞
Chubb Corp	91	91⅛
Cigna Corp	61⅛	60⅞
Citicorp	27⅝	27⅞
Clorox	48⅞	49
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅞
Coca Cola	39	39⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅛	60⅞
Columbia Gas	22	22⅝
Commonw Ed	27⅜	27⅝
Compaq Comp	50⅝	51
Comp Ass Int	24⅛	25⅜
Conagra	24⅝	24⅞
Cons Edison	36⅛	36
Cons Nat Gas	51⅛	51½
Cons Rail	52⅝	51½
Cooper Inds	47⅛	47⅞
Corning Inc	35⅜	35⅝
Crown Cork	38⅜	37⅞
Dana Corp	49⅞	50
Dayton Hudson	70⅝	70⅞
Deere	56⅛	57⅛
Delta Air Lines	55⅝	56⅛
Deluxe Corp	45⅜	45⅞
Detroit Edison	35	35⅛
Digital Equip	46⅛	45⅞
Dillard Dept St	41	40⅛
Disney (Walt)	39⅜	39⅞
Dominion Res	44⅛	44⅛
Donnelley (RR)	27⅜	27
Dover Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Dow Chemicals	53⅝	54
Dow Jones	30⅝	30⅝
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	38⅝	38⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅝	59⅝
Du Pont	51	51½
Eastman Kodak	51	50⅞
Exxon Corp	88	88⅞

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Emerson Elec	59⅞	59⅞
Engelhard Corp	32⅛	32⅞
Enron Corp	58	58
Entergy Corp	34⅛	34½
Ethyl Corp	28⅛	28⅞
Exxon	63⅝	63⅞
FMC Corp	44⅞	44½
FPL Group	38⅞	38⅞
Federal Express	48⅞	47⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅞	77⅞
First Chicago	38⅛	38⅞
First Interstate	54	54
First Union Rlty	11⅛	12
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅝	30⅞
Fluor Corp	38⅛	38⅞
Ford Motor	56	55⅝
GTE Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Gannett	50⅞	52
Gap Inc Del	34½	34½
Gen Cinema	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Dynamics	95⅛	95⅞
Gen Electric	93⅞	94½
Gen Mills	66⅛	66⅞
Gen Motors	40⅞	40⅞
Gen Reinsurance	115⅛	115⅞
Gen Signal	62⅝	61½
Genuine Parts	35⅝	36⅛
Georgia Pac	63⅝	63⅝
Gillette	53⅛	52⅞
Glaxo ADR	19⅛	18⅞
Goodrich (BF)	45	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	38⅝	38⅝
Grace (W&R)	39⅛	39⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	29⅛	29⅞
Great Wstn Fin	16⅛	16⅛
Halliburton	39⅛	38⅞
Heinz (HJ)	38⅞	38⅛
Hercules	73⅛	74
Hershey Foods	53⅞	53⅛
Hewlett Packard	78	78⅛
Hilton Hotels	45⅛	44⅞
Home Depot	43⅞	43⅞
Homestake Mng	16⅛	16⅛
Honeywell	34⅞	35
Household Intl	67⅝	67⅛
Houston Inds	45⅛	46
Humana	10⅛	10
ITT Corp	83⅛	83½
Illinois Tool	72⅞	70⅞
INCO	21⅛	22⅛
Ingersoll Rand	33⅞	33⅞
Inland Steel	23⅞	23⅞
Intel Corp	100⅞	102½
IBM	48⅞	48⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	115⅝	115⅝
Intl Paper	66	65⅛
James River Vs	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅝	43⅛
K Mart	23⅛	23⅝
Kellogg	58⅞	58⅞
Kerr-McGee	51⅛	51½
Kimberly-Clark	48⅛	47⅞
Knight-Ridder	56⅛	57
Lilly (Eli)	55⅛	55⅞
Limited Inc	22⅞	23⅛
LIN Brdcstng	89	88⅛
Lincoln Nat	79⅞	79⅞
Litton	59⅞	60⅛
Liz Claiborne	35⅛	36⅛
Lockheed Corp	64⅞	64⅞
Louisiana Pac	64⅛	63⅞
MCI Commun	48⅞	48⅞
Marriott	25⅞	25⅞
Marsh & McLen	91⅝	90⅞
Masco Corp	32⅝	32⅛
May Dept St	73⅛	73⅞
Maytag Corp	14⅛	14⅛
McCaw Cellular	40	40⅛
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	61⅛	62⅞
McGraw Hill	59⅝	59⅝
Mead Corp	44⅝	44⅞
Medtronic	70⅞	69⅞
Mellon Bk	55⅞	55⅞
Melville Corp	45⅛	45
Merck Inc	37⅞	37⅛
Merrill Lynch	70⅝	71½
Minnesota Mine	113⅛	112⅞
Mobil Corp	69⅝	69⅞
Monsanto	53⅞	53⅝
Morgan (JP)	67	67⅝
Motorola Inc	78⅝	77⅞
Natl Medical	8⅞	8⅞
Natl Semi	14⅛	14⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅛
Navistar Int	2⅞	2½
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	31½
NY Times A	28⅞	28⅞
Newmont Mng	47⅛	47⅞
Niag Mohawk	22⅛	22⅞
Nike B	73	72⅞
NL Industries	4	4½
Nordstrom	30⅞	30⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	60⅞	60⅛
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅞
Norwest Corp	50⅛	49⅞
Nynex Corp	83⅞	84
Occidental Pet	22	22⅞
Ohio Edison	24⅝	24½
Oracle Systems	39⅞	39⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	22	22⅝
Owens Corning	39⅝	39⅞
PNC Financial	31½	31½
PPG Industries	72⅝	72⅞
Paccar Inc	58	57⅞
Pacificorp	18	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	23	23⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	32⅞	32⅝
Pac Telesis	47	46⅞
Pall Corp	19⅛	19⅞
Panhandle East	21½	21½
Paramnt Comm	50⅞	50⅞
Parker Hannifin	30⅝	30
Penney (JC)	43⅞	44⅞
Pennzoil	62⅛	62⅝
Pepsico	36⅛	36⅛
Pfizer	68⅛	68⅞
Phelps Dodge	43	42⅞
Philadel Elec	28⅝	28⅞
Philip Morris	51⅛	52⅞
Phillips Pet	28⅝	28⅞
Pitney Bowes	41½	41½
Polaroid	34⅛	34⅛
Price Co	28⅞	29
Primerica	45⅞	46
Procter & Gmbl	48⅞	49
Pub Serv E & G	34⅛	34⅞
Quaker Oats	69⅞	69⅞
Ralston Purina	48⅞	49⅞
Raychem Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Raytheon	57⅞	57⅞
Reebok Intl	38⅛	38⅞
Reynolds Metals	43	42⅞
Roadway Srvcs	58⅞	58
Rockwell Intl	32⅛	32⅞
Rohm & Haas	54⅞	55
Royal Dutch	90⅞	89⅞
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	57⅛	56⅞
St Paul's Cos	82	81½
Salomon Inc	36⅛	36⅛
Santa Fe S Pac	16⅛	16⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Scecorp	48⅞	48⅞
Schering Plough	65⅞	65⅞
Schlumberger	64	63⅞
Scott Paper	34⅞	35⅞
Seagram	30⅛	30⅛
Sears Roebuck	54⅞	54½
Shell Trans	54⅞	53
Sherwin Wlms	33	32⅞
Skyline Corp	18⅞	19
Snap-On-Tools	35⅞	35⅞
Southern Co	41½	41½
Swestern Bell	76⅛	75⅞
Sprint Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Stanley Works	45⅞	46⅛
Sun Company	24⅞	24⅞
Suntrust	44⅛	44⅞
Supervalu	32⅞	32⅞
Syntex Corp	19⅛	19⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅛	25⅞
TRW Inc	63⅞	63⅞
Tandem Comp	11½	11½
Tandy Corp	28⅞	29⅞
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	18⅞	18⅞
Temple Inland	44½	44⅞
Tenneco	48	48⅞
Texaco	62⅞	62⅞
Texas Inst	63	63½
Texas Utilities	47⅛	46½
Textron	49	49⅞
Time Warner	33½	33⅞
Times-Mirror	31½	31⅛
Timken	30⅞	30⅞
Torchmark	54½	56
Toys R Us	37⅛	37⅞
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Tribune	54⅞	54⅞
Tyco Labs	40⅞	41½
UAL Corp	134⅞	134⅞
UST Inc	30⅞	30⅞
USX Marathon	18⅞	18⅞
Unilever NV	111	111½
Union Camp	44⅛	44⅞
Union Carbide	19	19⅞
Union Pacific	61½	62⅞
Unisys Corp	12⅞	11½
USAIR Group	21½	21½
USF&G Corp	17⅛	17⅛
US Life	37⅞	37⅛
US West	42⅞	42⅞
United Tech	51½	51½
Unocal Corp	30⅞	30⅛
Upjohn	30⅞	30⅛
VF Corp	47⅞	48
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅛	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	73⅞	73⅞
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	31½
Wells Fargo	105½	104⅞
Westinghouse El	15⅞	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	43⅞	42⅞
Whirlpool	55⅞	56
Whitman	13⅞	13⅞
Winn Dixie	56⅞	56⅞
Woolworth	29⅞	28⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32⅞	33⅞
Xerox	73⅞	73⅞

Customers will pay for purer water

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

ANGLIAN Water, which supplies five million people in the driest part of the country, believes its customers are prepared to see charges rise by an extra 1 per cent a year to accelerate improvements. The findings, drawn from a detailed survey of 1,200 customers, contrast with industry assumptions, and findings elsewhere, that customers want the cheapest service that meets legal standards.

Three quarters of those polled backed a modest package of extra improvements to remove cryptosporidium from water, treat hard water and improve sewers in some urban areas. As elsewhere, there was little demand to spend money to relieve hosepipe bans.

The improvement package is estimated to cost £300 million on top of existing investment plans between 1995 and 2000. The basic plan to meet legal requirements would now cost £2.3 billion. That is a net £300 million more than at privatisation, a smaller increase than many observers expected, mainly due to new EC regulations of sewage effluent.

Anglian also expects to spend £40 million over five years to install 300,000 water meters when mains are improved.

General Accident surprises with £42m

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

GENERAL Accident, the composite insurer, took the City by surprise yesterday, announcing first quarter pretax profits of £41.9 million.

The shares leapt 16p to 589p on the results, which outstripped the £5 million to £22 million analysts were forecasting. In an upbeat statement to shareholders, Nelson Robertson, chief general manager, said: "We have made a strong start to 1993 and we expect this positive trend to continue." The better than expected turnaround from a £29 million loss in the first quarter last year was principally because of a sharp improvement in the UK. The underwriting result improved from a £65 million loss in the first quarter of 1992 to a £4.1 million loss. This was achieved despite the £13 million damage caused by January's floods that ripped through Perth, in Scotland, GA's home town, and the Tayside region.

The figures for the three months to end-March do not include the company's estimated £10 million share of the cost of the Bishopsgate bomb. This will appear in the second quarter results. Mr Robertson said the British operations had benefited from the sharp increases in premiums over the last two years, coupled with a drop in claims frequency, which reflects a more selective underwriting policy. "The improvement in claims frequency has not happened coincidently. It is the result of the action we took a while ago to introduce a more sophisticated process of acceptance and rejection of risk."

GA is also beginning to benefit from the cost cutting exercise, which included swingeing staff cuts, of the last two to three years. In America, the underwriting loss fell slightly from £41.2 million to £38.2 million, and Mr Robertson said he expected the result to improve further as rate increases feed through. "We are increasing premiums fairly heavily in the US. In Connecticut, for example, there has been an 18.5 per cent rate increase on private auto insurance from April 9."

The overall underwriting loss fell by £54.5 million to £80.5 million, and the cut in borrowing helped lift investment income nearly 10 per cent to £121.7 million.

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Michelin shows training is the road to success

BY DEREK HARRIS

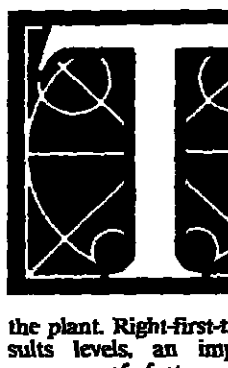
MICHELIN Tyre's Burnley, Lancashire, factory, winner of *The Times* Award in last year's National Training Awards, has gone on to register improvements in factory performance. This is despite output reductions as recession hit the truck tyre market.

Michelin reported on the progress as the preliminaries began for this year's awards. These have already provoked a surge of enquiries. Applications for entry to the awards should be in by June 18.

The Times Award, one of four special awards made last year, is given for a training initiative aimed at meeting the challenges of international competition.

Michelin gained the award as it targeted growing competition from Europe by cutting costs and improving productivity. Michelin said training was aimed at achieving quality, resulting in a people development initiative, which has led to improvement in the factory's performance.

Michelin added: "Although originally pioneered in one department, it has had a knock-on effect throughout



the plant. Right-first-time results levels, an important measure of factory performance, have steadily increased. Work-in-progress levels are now down by more than 73 per cent. Most important, at a time when reduced output had to be introduced, process and material costs have not been adversely affected. Flexibility and teamwork have undoubtedly paid off."

It is hoped that increasing attention to training nationally will lead to a new boost for this year's awards, now in their seventh year. The 1992 awards attracted 1,600 entries and produced 81 corporate winners and 13 individual winners.

This year there will be an additional special award for training providers and employers who demonstrate a specific commitment towards training those with special needs, such as the less literate and numerate.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said this year's awards would especially reflect the importance she attaches to national vocational qualifications and employers meeting standards of the Investors in People scheme.

☐ Details and entry packs from Nicola Napier, National Training Awards Office, telephone Sheffield (0742) 593299. The office is in the Employment Department, Room W823, Moorfoot, Sheffield S1 4PQ.

RECENT ISSUES

Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	32	...
David Brown (70)	228	+3
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	1	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	−2
Holliday Chemical (195)	214	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	40	...
Pilkington Warrants	31½	−4½
Qlty Software Prods (380)	481	−1
Regent Inns (135)	152	...
Stagecoach (112)	122	...
Westminster Hlthcr (260)	290	+4

RIGHTS ISSUES

AAF n/p (175)	20	...
Atlas Cnvrtg Eqp n/p (550)	106	...
Avesco n/p (63)	25	+6
Bensons Crisps n/p (58)	5	...
EIS n/p (340)	21	...
Headlam n/p (92)	46	+3
Hunting n/p (185)	18	...
Meyer Intnl n/p (290)	59	+6
Millwall n/p (2)	½	...

Stake offer 'inadequate'

TIPHOOK and ITEL said they would reject an offer of 42p a share in respect of their combined shareholding of 9 per cent in TIP Europe, the container and rental leasing group, by General Electric Capital Corporation of America (Martin Flanagan writes).

Tiphook described the terms of GECC's agreed bid, which values TIP at £71 million, as wholly inadequate, but denied it was considering making a higher offer itself. Tiphook and ITEL said they would "re-evaluate the various options" open to them if the GECC bid proceeded.

Last month, TIP Europe said its interim profits fell to £2.2 million from £3 million.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Macdon Martin 'A'	388p (+13p)
CRH	268p (+11p)
RMC Group	700p (+15p)
ADT	603p (+13p)
BTP	281p (+11p)
Delta	533p (+11p)
Mitel	170p (+10p)
Iceland Frozen	683p (+15p)
Siebe	463p (+10p)
Takeda Chem	815p (+11p)
VSEL	725p (+35p)

FALLS:

SA Breweries	753p (-15p)
Sappi	446p (-20p)
SKF 'B'	762½p (-25p)
Sothebys	750p (-13p)
Unigate	353p (-12p)

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BRITISH FUNDS

AN ABSENCE of buyers left government securities testing their established resistance levels again as prices drifted lower in early trading.

The futures market provided firm evidence of this as the June series of the Long Gilt touched £103½ before ending three ticks down at £103²⁵/₃₂. By the close, 23,500 contracts had been completed.

Investors remain reluctant to open new positions before the expected announcement on Friday of the latest gilt auction. Investors will feel the squeeze next week, with calls on existing stock totalling £3 billion falling due for payment. Sentiment is also likely to be overshadowed by the Danish vote on Maastricht.

In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased three ticks at £104³/₃₂, while at the shorter end Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 lost a similar amount at £109¹⁵/₃₂.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¾% 1993	101	...	12.35	5.62
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	..	6.00	5.78
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104 t	...	13.20	5.65
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	+	8.34	5.65
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.56	5.74
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	...	12.61	5.75
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 t	...	9.60	5.85
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.50	6.01
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104 t	+	8.64	6.07
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	..	10.99	6.21
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	..	3.13	5.36
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.51	6.37
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114 t	..	11.17	6.52
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.92	6.79
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.50	6.92
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116 t	-	11.34	6.95
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109 t	-	9.14	6.94
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-	11.10	7.10
112	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	...	9.46	7.12
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	-	8.30	7.11
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.68	7.40
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	-	8.90	7.31
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.21	7.10
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.84	7.07
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.56	7.65
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118 t	-	10.10	7.74
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	-	8.73	7.57
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	-	10.17	7.84
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113 t	-	9.27	7.70
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112 t	-	9.09	7.73
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.42	7.67
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.30	8.10
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	8.98	8.01
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125 t	-	11.16	7.78
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.84	8.15
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99 t	-	8.05	8.08
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	-	8.95	8.27
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	-	9.73	8.28
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	69	-	5.00	7.52
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	-	8.70	8.28
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	-	8.79	8.41
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126 t	-	9.88	8.60
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.19	8.32
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.74	8.56
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	-	8.48	8.46
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	-	10.08	8.61
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	-	8.62	8.47
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.36	8.50
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104	-	8.65	8.55
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	-	8.65	8.55
79	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	...	7.47	8.24
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-	8.37	8.50
139	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	130 t	-	9.20	8.77
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	-	8.63	8.60
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	-	8.67	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40 t	-	8.64	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.65	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.30	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.66	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133 t	..	...	1.18
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	2.00	2.75
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.40	3.06
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	-	2.91	3.24
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	-	3.02	3.30
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	-	3.17	3.44
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	-	3.14	3.35
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150 t	-	3.35	3.54
159	149	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155	-	3.42	3.59
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	-	3.49	3.65
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	-	3.55	3.70
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	-	3.60	3.73
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	-	3.63	3.75
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	-	3.66	3.78

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS of the company will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX on 24 May 1993 at 10.30am for the purposes of receiving a report covering the [illegible] and the progress of the receivership and the other matters stipulated in Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

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Dated the 7 May 1993
D M Ghosh FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver
Vantage Investments Limited

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF AGRICOLA (UK) 1992 LTD Company Number 2737214 (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

On 6 May 1993 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.

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Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim Liquidator

Notice of Administration Order ENGLISH & AMERICAN INSURANCE HOLDING PLC [illegible]

FILL INTERIORS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) [illegible]

Notice of Administration Order ENGLISH & AMERICAN GROUP PLC [illegible]

LEGAL NOTICES

TO MRS REBECCA GLORIA SIMM, late of 43 Waddington Avenue, Old Coulsdon, Surrey

TAKE NOTICE that in proceedings issued in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice under number 1985 H 4223 [illegible]

DATED this 12th day of May 1993
PHILIP ROSS & CO 77 Wimpole Street London W1M 8DD

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charities administered in connection with The Garden Tomb (Jerusalem) Association [illegible]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Charities Act 1992 THE COLLEGE OF LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN [illegible]

No 003798 of 1993 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER of CAPITAL & COUNTIES PLC and IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN [illegible]

DATED this 11th day of May 1993
LINKLATERS & PAINES (AROB) Barrington House 59-67 Gresham Street London EC2V 7JA Solicitors for the Company

ATKINSON, RONALD [illegible]

COODINGTON, HAROLD HENRY [illegible]

DALTON, MARJORIE GERTRUDE [illegible]

FROST, WILLIAM ARTHUR PERCY [illegible]

HICKEY, FREDERICK [illegible]

MOORE, MARY DOREEN [illegible]

NESCHLWAKA [illegible]

RHEAD, WILLIAM RALPH [illegible]

THOMPSON nee DAVIES [illegible]

THOMPSON, WALTER [illegible]

WEAVER [illegible]

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نقلاً من الأصل

My boss Nadir, the much maligned entrepreneur

Christopher Elliott in northern Cyprus speaks exclusively to Elizabeth Forsyth, the former right-hand woman to Asil Nadir



Offering to return: Elizabeth Forsyth, now in northern Cypress

An English businesswoman who was at the heart of Asil Nadir's business affairs yesterday claimed that his fall was triggered after an investigation begun by an elite team of tax inspectors. Elizabeth Forsyth was speaking for the first time since her former boss fled to northern Cyprus a week ago from Britain while on £3.5 million bail and facing charges of theft and false accounting.

Mrs Forsyth created and ran South Audley Management, Mr Nadir's private investment company. She, too, fled Britain fearing arrest on "false" charges, she said yesterday.

During a three-hour interview that occasionally bordered on the bizarre, varying between a detailed lecture on British tax and trust laws and a lesson on the history of Cyprus, she gave her version of the the collapse of the Polly Peck empire, once valued at £1.2 billion. She claimed that an investigation begun more than four years ago by the Inland Revenue's Special Office 2 which dealt with high-profile cases, was the start of Mr Nadir's problems. It also emerged that in spite of his often quoted statements that Mr Nadir, 52, would like to return to live in Britain he had been working for some time to achieve Swiss residency to ease his complicated tax affairs. She said: "If he hadn't fallen foul of Special Office 2, Polly Peck might still be intact today.

"But I think the Cyprus problem is probably what might be behind it. They were out to get him one way or the other, either to financially destroy him or mentally destroy him and bring down the economy of this end of the island." She believes that his successful takeover of Del Monte, the fresh fruit company, activated his enemies. "I believe we were victimised not only by the Inland Revenue but also by the Serious Fraud Office."

The Revenue investigation into his affairs was settled with Mr Nadir agreeing to pay £60,000 tax on his income in Britain, but by that time his companies had gone into administration and the Revenue were one of those who made him bankrupt.

Michael Allcock, the head of Special Office 2, has himself been suspended pending an investigation by Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad, although there is no suggestion that that investigation relates to Polly Peck.

Mrs Forsyth first knew of the investigation by the Revenue when it was reported in a Scottish newspaper in 1988. "I was at a loss to know what was happening. I got a call from a NatWest banker asking me whether I had received a legal document telling me that the Inland Revenue wished to look at the South Audley bank accounts, but I had never had that notice which I think was mandatory."

Eventually, she discovered from another banking friend that Richard Cook, of the Special Banking Office, was looking into her affairs. She invited him to her offices to discuss the problem. "I was rather amazed to see such a young person to be handling an individual of Mr Nadir's calibre. He was around 30. I felt that he didn't fully comprehend them."

Mrs Forsyth said that Mr Nadir owned 27½ per cent of Polly Peck shares, which at one time were worth £400 million. "With that amount of shareholding there was no need to steal that kind of money. The shares were really flying high. As that investigation died down the SFO began."

She was also unaware of the interest of the SFO until one day when she was abroad she telephoned the office to speak to her secretary and check her mail. "My secretary said, 'Get off the telephone Elizabeth, the SFO is here'."

She rang Mr Nadir and Vizards, the company's lawyer, which went to the office. Mrs Forsyth said: "They had bundled everyone into the dining room and they weren't allowed out or legal assistance. I think they thought it was an illegal share-dealing operation and the way they came in, to me it was almost as if they were expecting computer screens and people doing share deals."

Mrs Forsyth refused to return to Britain at that time. "I didn't come back because they raided my office and said they wanted to question me. They wouldn't tell me what evidence they had for the raid." Throughout the affair, Mrs Forsyth has been bitterly critical of the number of Section 2 orders that she claims have been used on various members of staff and anyone associated with them.

"They even put a Section 2 on a blonde woman they saw going into my lawyer's office because they thought it was me." Eventually, she did return to Britain in December 1991. After her interview in January of the following year she fled Britain a month later.

Mrs Forsyth first met Mr Nadir in 1984, while she was a banker specialising in offshore trusts for Citibank. Foreign nationals are able to treat Britain as a tax haven if they are living in the UK. They can avoid paying UK tax on any of their overseas earnings if they are domiciled here for tax purposes. However, should they die all their assets both here and abroad would be subject to UK inheritance tax at 40 per cent above the £150,000 threshold.

It was to avoid this tax that he set up a trust run by Confidas, a Swiss associate company of Citibank, Mrs Forsyth said. Confidas were the trustees.

Over the next few years, Mr Nadir's business empire grew and with it the complexity of his personal tax situation. Therefore, Mrs Forsyth joined him to create South Audley Management, a firm that acted as his personal services company and looked after his private affairs. It was that company that was first raided by the SFO in September 1990. It wiped £1 billion off the share price of Polly Peck overnight.

Mrs Forsyth, who was chairman of South Audley Management, firmly rejects the idea that Mr Nadir is guilty. "He's an entrepreneur, a visionary. Unfortunately, we're sadly lacking in visionaries. And the word entrepreneur has now become a dirty word just when Britain needs to be hauled out of the ashes," she said.

When that raid on her offices took place she was abroad and it was not until January 1991 that she was interviewed for eight hours by SFO officials. Weeks later, she decided to flee the country. She has never been charged with any offence. "I decided to go because I believe the whole case was being put off and I was being left to hang in the wind for them to come back to. I thought of what it would be like if I go back to England and I think they will give me false charges. I fully believe that I will be held in the same situation as Asil Nadir."

Many of her statements reflect the attitude of Mr Nadir's since he came back to northern Cyprus. Both say they would like to see the 25,000 shareholders receive their money back in full.

Mrs Forsyth now lives in a flat with her son, Ian, 21, a former trainee stockbroker who was forced to leave his job when the affair broke. The smartly dressed former banker lives on a small income provided by Mr Nadir's family. "They have been supporting me in a very small way because they don't have much money. He is on legal aid because legal costs have bled him dry." She spent "an emotional" two hours with Mr Nadir on Sunday, and she plans to work with him on the island in the future, although at the end of the interview she did say that if it would help his case she would go back to Britain.

President Denktas of the self-styled Turkish republic of northern Cyprus and Dervis Eroglu, the prime minister, have, meanwhile, both denied secretly meeting Mr Nadir. In a statement issued through a London representative, Mr Denktas said there was no need for secrecy since his office was open to any citizen of northern Cyprus.

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Reed's guide to the skies

REED Elsevier has played a patient game in its pursuit of the Official Airline Guides. It always looked the natural buyer, since OAG's American customer network fits perfectly with the group's existing business, the ABC World Airline Guide, which is strongest in Europe. Yet Peter Davis has held out for 18 months insisting that he would not overpay.

During that time, Price Waterhouse, the administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation, has been forced to lower its expectations of OAG's value steadily, and must surely be disappointed that it could not raise more. Out of the potential $425 million sale proceeds, PW must first repay a $210 million preference share issue, leaving little for MCC's general creditors, the banks. They deserve their fate however since they backed Robert Maxwell's $725 million bid for OAG, a price which looked excessive even by the standards of the late eighties.

Reed's offer looks like a bargain from any angle. The group is buying OAG free from all but some modest trade debts and the company probably made operating profits of up to $45 million last year, so it is being sold on an earnings multiple of less than 15. The benefits of scale that Reed can wring from the company should ensure that the deal will enhance earnings immediately.

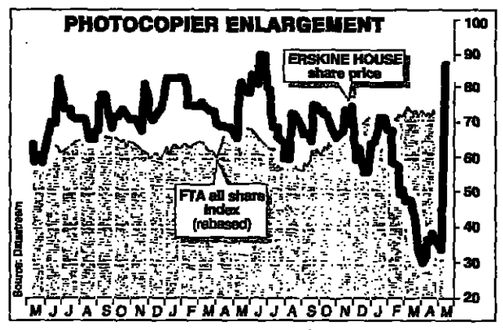
The biggest risk is that other publishing groups will spot the potential of OAG. PW yesterday stressed that the deal is non-binding, so Reed may well be gazumped. Perhaps that is why its current offer is so low. Reed can afford to pay up to $500 million for OAG and still benefit, so it will be able to match any rival bid with a swift counter offer.

Photocopiers

WHEN a FT-SE 100 company suffers earnings dilution to take a strategic stake in a loss-making photocopier company, and a bid from a powerful American group almost trebles the share price of another photocopier distributor in the same day, something must be buzzing in the office equipment market.

The prospect of rapid industry consolidation is the factor simultaneously bringing Inchcape with Gestetner and Alco with Erskine House. The photocopier distribution business has been fragmented for years, with Japanese manufacturers still relying on a network of corner shop outfits to distribute and service their produts.

Inchcape is no stranger to distributing Japanese hardware and has a successful photocopier distribution business in the Far East. Its cautious approach to Gestetner is understandable, since the company will announce provision-laden losses in June, and has yet to see an upturn in its main European business. The dilution from the £40 million share option is only about 1 per cent, and will add 6 per cent to shareholders' funds. Alco's £41.5 million bid for Erskine, meanwhile, proves what the company has been telling the City for more than two years — that it grossly undervalued the business. Together, the two deals may do much to rehabilitate the image of the office equipment business, which has never recovered from the collapse of Atlantic Computers in 1990.



Fleming Claverhouse

THE investment trust world has been quietly turned on its head. For years, investors have been able to buy into equities at discounts of up to 30 per cent through investment trusts, which were unpopular with private investors and institutions alike.

In the past two years, all that has changed, and many trusts now trade at a premium to net assets. Initially only specialist split capital trusts, or emerging market funds could command a premium. Now, however, Fleming Claverhouse, a modest UK equity trust with a reasonable track record, is launching a £100 million offer of conversion shares on a likely premium of 7 per cent.

Private investor demand is the sole factor behind Claverhouse's renaissance. Four years ago, private investors owned 30 per cent of its shares. Today, due to the growth of its share plan and Pep schemes, the figure is 65 per cent, and rises another 0.75 of a point per month.

Robert Fleming has realised that such a premium is not sustainable and is making the offer to relieve investor demand. The firm stands little chance of raising the full £100 million, and would be happy with a third of that. But however illustrious Claverhouse's past may be, investors may begrudge paying any premium when there are still a few trusts on attractive discounts.

Vaux

AN 8.4 per cent rise in beer sales at Vaux, the North East brewer, should not be seen as the first sign of recovery in a depressed industry. Rather it is due to the 240 tenanted pubs Vaux bought last year. On a like-for-like basis, beer sales fell 4 per cent.

The market tends to regard Vaux as a hotel company with brewery attached. There is still little cause for celebration on that front, either. Room occupancy may rise 4 per cent this year but room rates are falling. 6 per cent in the first half.

Regardless of such poor demand, Vaux continues to invest. Capital spending on maintenance and nursing home development could reach £20 million this year.

This is likely to lift debts to £135 million by the year end, cutting interest cover to less than three times. If Vaux wants to continue expanding after that, it may have to turn to shareholders for more capital. They are unlikely to offer support until the hotels make a better showing.

General Accident

BEFORE they hang out the bunting in Perth, General Accident's better than expected figures need to be put in perspective. As a company with £1 billion in quarterly general premium income, there only needs to be a 2 per cent swing in margins to get an extra £20 million in profits. A small improvement in claims frequency can have the same effect.

The prospect for a dividend rise is limited. The cost of the preference and the ordinary shares is £145 million a year, leaving little scope to rebuild reserves even though the City expects a £220 million profit this year.

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Staying ahead of the pack

THE rat pack that descended last week on the small town of Lapta in northern Cyprus might not know it, but they are enjoying the hospitality of the same famous fugitive they are there to doorstep. For the Jasmine Court Hotel is now controlled by Asil Nadir. It was not always thus. Lombard North Central, a subsidiary of NatWest Bank, still technically owns 49 per cent of the establishment in partnership with local investors. But after the Turkish invasion, the hotel fell into the hands of the Turkish Cypriot authorities, who leased it to Nadir. Lombard wrote off its entire investment in the Jasmine Court many years ago and non-recognition of the Turkish Cypriot state makes recovery of the investment unlikely. It is not as though Nadir offered to pay Lombard any rent.

On their bikes

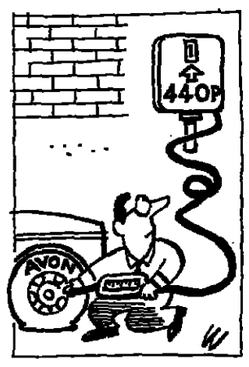
SPACE-AGE helmets and cycling shorts are not what most would expect a director of a stockbroking firm to wear to work each day. But Tony Kay, a director of Charterhouse Tilney who once allegedly called a policeman interfering with his cycling in Regents Park a "psychopath" only to get off by saying he had really said "cyclepath", this morning begins a 100-mile-a-day bicycling trek. It will take him and six others from Guildhall and over Southwark Bridge to Portsmouth and then on to Montpelier within seven days. Kay will cycle with the organiser, Peter Knapton, a fund manager who left MIM last week to join Lazard as its chief investment organiser. Kay says: "We tried to organise a training system, but often found it more convenient to stop off in the pub." Money raised will go to 12 charities, including Help the Aged, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Save the Children.

Name of the game

PAUL Thompson's secretary is a Sheffield Wednesday fanatic, but that, I'm told, has absolutely nothing to do with the plans of the chairman of Sanderson Electronics' to sponsor the football team, which faces Arsenal in the FA Cup Final this Saturday. Sanderson, the Sheffield-based computer systems and software company which yesterday switched its company stockbroker from Credit Lyonnais Laing to Panmure Gordon, is investing £800,000 over three years in Sheffield Wednesday. Thompson says he wants to raise his company's profile: the Sanderson name and logo, to be emblazoned this Saturday on the team shirts and 20,000 "replicas" should go some way to achieving that goal.

Up and running

FURLONG Associates has galloped to its first milestone, making the trip with nine placements in its first year in business as a headhunter specialising in American equity salesmen, analysts and dealers. Jim Furlong, who left the post of head of UK equity sales at County NatWest Securities last year, says the going is good for US firms, with compensation packages and salaries climbing. To celebrate his first anniversary in the headhunting business, Furlong is going the distance by syndicating a racehorse — a two-year-old colt by Mill Native, winner of the Arlington Million. Furlong has retained a quarter share of the colt, which is trained by Newmarket's Jeff Pearce and his wife, Lydia, a champion jockey. *Un Parfum de Femme*, or Sensible Woman, runs in three weeks' time. "If it does as well as Furlong Associates in its first year, it will win its first outing — five furlongs at Newmarket," Furlong says.



Board reward

MARTIN Gray, the man who put NatWest back to work after last month's terrorist bomb in the City, has been rewarded for his efforts with a seat on the board. Gray, 46, became chief executive of the bank's UK branch business in February last year, but unlike his predecessor Derek Wanless, now NatWest's chief executive, he did not automatically win a seat on the board. Lord Alexander, the bank's chairman, says Gray's "extensive banking and management skills" will provide an added and valuable dimension to the main board. He is also keen to point out that the average age of the 20 executive and non-executive directors has fallen from 57.1 years to 56.5 years.

Backing judgment

ELAINE Garzarelli, the American analyst who shot to fame by predicting the 1987 Wall Street crash, has become a raging bull. The 40-year-old Shearson Lehman analyst, who has backed her judgment by investing all her personal money in stocks, forecasts that over the next 12 to 18 months, Standard and Poor's 500-stock index could soar 13 per cent to 500 and the Dow Jones industrial average could shoot up to 3,800. "I think the market is going to be like a rocket ship when everybody realises that President Clinton's plans are good for the economy," she says, tipping airlines, motor and banking stocks. Garzarelli, rated number one American analyst by *Institutional Investor* for the past nine years, has found some followers at *Investor's Intelligence*, a newsletter which watches market sentiment among 120 investment advisors. Yesterday it reported that 41.8 per cent of American analysts are now officially bullish, although 30 per cent of them were bearish until last week. When Garzarelli speaks, Wall Street listens.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Fighting back on behalf of the banks

From Mr J. C. Munnery

Sir, I refer to your leading article (May 3) entitled "Banking up trouble".

As a bank employee of over 32 years and in branch management for over 12 years, perhaps my opinion may have some credence.

You quote imposing ceilings on overdrafts where none existed before. This seems highly unlikely for no formal facility with a customer should be arranged with anything other than a defined and agreed upper limit with terms expressed in writing between customers and the bank.

You mention that profitable companies sometimes run out of cash to pay their bills, and find it difficult to find extended credit. Sensible cash management has been fundamental to business success for years, and now is no different. Yet you imply that perhaps the largest creditor, usually the bank, should have an open-ended policy of support perhaps at the expense of prudence, in further credit being extended. Why should this be? In the circumstances you describe, the bank has very often a larger financial stake in the business than the proprietor, but this is usually ignored.

No commercial bank would for any reason cause the demise of a business for which it could see a realistic and successful future, in partnership together. There is no lack of willingness on the bank's side in so doing, provided it is paid a sensible and agreed price for the service provided, including the cost of maintaining the level of money transmission services covered by bank charges. Could it be that reported increases in bank charges in Hunter Clark Associates' report reflects an extended period in the past where banks were undercharging for the service?

Yours faithfully,
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Staffordshire.

Price of cheap currency is higher interest rates

From Mr Charles D. B. Pugh

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's article (May 6) contains what appears to be a fundamental flaw — namely the assumption that a currency can be both cheap and low yielding over the long term.

An analysis of currency exchange and interest rates over the long term shows that if one leaves one's money in a floating rate account for long periods (letting the interest roll up), then it makes little difference which currency you chose — in terms of the accumulated funds left at the end of the day.

In other words, over the long term, high interest rates tend to compensate the market for a depreciating exchange rate — and vice versa.

If we wish to keep our currency "cheap" — by which one must assume Anatole Kaletsky means depreciatory relative to other currencies — then the market will demand, sooner or later, higher interest rates. The idea that interest rates can be kept low on the basis that one accepts a depreciating currency sounds plausible, but simply doesn't happen.

That's the way markets work.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES PUGH,
2 Priory Walk,
SW10.

Employment and the social chapter

From Mr Philip Hayward

Sir, I have been following with vested interest the social chapter issue and the past few nights have been very sleepless for me.

I have a Spanish SA company, which has operated a successful restaurant for the past eight years. Spanish workers are employed on series of six-month contracts, up to a maximum of three years; after that it is illegal to continue with further six-month contracts. Workers become "fixed", which means should they be given notice to quit, huge redundancy payments are due, and if the worker decides to quit, he receives nothing.

For example, a worker working for 12 months at the equivalent of £500 per month receives 14 monthly payments per annum, ie double pay in July and double pay in December, plus 12 national fiesta days and normally two local fiesta days per annum (fiesta day = bank holiday) plus 30 working days holiday per annum from day one.

Social security payments are 26 per cent of total salary per month.

All this and more are governed by the social chapter.

I must finish now as my local chemist closes in ten minutes and I have to buy some sleeping pills or I will start theoretically applying these statutes to our English company!

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HAYWARD,
Dormy Lodge,
Portnall Drive,
Wentworth,
Surrey.

Calculating 'a good rate of interest' below 1%

From Mr J. P. Crozier

Sir, Mr Francis Otway (Business Letters, May 4) who questioned the superlatives used by his bank to describe rather modest interest rates will be interested to see the benchmark offered by the Halifax Cardcash account.

"Your money will earn you a good rate of interest", says the publicity. Presumably, this description of 0.75 per cent gross (0.52 per cent net) incorporates a forecast of negative inflation?

Yours faithfully,
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Nth America	248.10	264.00	+2.20	...
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Equity Income	80.52	85.66	+0.37	6.20
European Gth	221.70	235.80	-0.90	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	148.50	159.10	-0.10	1.90
Exempt	80.67	82.80	...	3.60
German Growth	54.87	58.54	+0.09	0.70
Global Growth	105.90	112.80	+0.80	...
Japan Growth	197.10	211.30	+1.10	...
Japan Sunrise	170.70	182.50	+3.40	...
Portfolio	115.50	123.70	+0.50	3.20
-do- Acc	205.80	220.50	+0.90	3.20
UK Growth	78.73	83.75	+0.14	2.90
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High Yield Acc	52.40	56.05	+0.06	4.06
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Smlr Cos Acc	88.93	95.11	+0.12	1.35
-do- Inc	81.74	87.42	+0.11	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.18	61.15	+0.31	...
-do- Inc	56.11	60.01	+0.30	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.58	104.36	-1.01	1.07
-do- Inc	96.24	102.93	-0.99	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.26	36.64	+0.08	1.31
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High Inc	70.34	75.62	+0.33	6.93
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Mngd P folio Inc	92.61	98.63	+0.53	2.01
-do- Acc	175.00	186.40	+1.00	...
North American	101.30	107.90	+1.60	0.20
Orient	122.30	131.70	+0.50	...
Recovery	39.78	42.77	+0.54	2.61
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Inv Portfolio	66.18	68.59	+0.37	2.14
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Income	53.35	57.06	+0.33	4.26
Far East	48.13	51.48	+0.32	0.15
North American	81.46	87.59	+1.14	0.01
Global	82.68	88.43	-0.57	0.76
European	68.42	73.18	-0.33	1.21
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-do- Acc	64.01	68.10	-0.02	...
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Eurotrack 100	125.40	133.40	-0.80	1.55
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Far East Growth	89.86	95.90	+0.44	0.14
Global Bond	23.24	24.49	-0.02	6.11
Hong Kong	76.91	82.08	+1.34	0.84
Income	491.50	524.50	+1.90	3.97
Intl Growth	73.04	78.03	-0.13	1.00
Japan Growth	272.10	290.30	-0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.31	36.61	+0.60	...
Japan Index	77.90	83.13	-0.31	0.23
Nth American	415.60	443.50	+3.20	0.87
S pore Mly Gth	51.10	54.53	+0.60	...
The Footsie Fd	106.40	112.30	+0.80	2.62
Tiger Index	134.40	143.40	+1.40	0.70
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Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
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Friars Hse Inc	173.69	186.76	...	6.23
Friars Hse Cap	243.34	261.66	...	2.79
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	42.09	44.78	+0.16	...
Smaller Cos	34.16	36.34	+0.07	1.88
-do- Acc	38.48	40.94	+0.07	1.88
UK General	67.25	71.54	+0.59	2.46
-do- Acc	80.63	85.78	+0.71	2.46
Wwide Bd	62.12	66.00	+0.15	6.11
-do- Acc	79.80	84.82	+0.20	6.11
Wwide Sp Sits	55.87	59.75	+0.14	0.16
-do- Acc	58.20	62.25	+0.14	0.16
Quilter General	118.68	126.26	+0.68	2.48
-do- Acc	131.81	140.22	+0.76	2.48
Quilter Income	92.25	98.14	+0.87	3.86
-do- Acc	113.69	120.95	+1.07	3.86
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.90	91.90	+0.01	5.48
-do- Acc	91.90	91.90	+0.01	5.48
Fin Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	40.14	42.70	-0.01	7.52
-do- Acc	106.39	113.18	-0.04	7.52
Equity Inc	144.01	153.20	-0.43	3.48
-do- Acc	462.25	491.76	-2.03	3.48
High Yield	117.02	124.49	+0.33	4.65
-do- Acc	441.89	470.10	+1.22	4.65
Preference	45.84	48.77	...	7.52
-do- Acc	235.31	250.33	-0.03	7.52
PPT Europe	146.65	156.01	-0.52	0.97
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.16	50.17	-0.02	8.02
PPT Global Bnd	81.45	86.52	+0.19	5.79
PPT Gold Com	53.76	57.19	+0.70	...
PPT Oriental Gth	54.14	57.60	+0.17	0.54
PPT Far East Gth	103.69	110.31	-1.29	0.23
PPT Managed	60.44	64.30	+0.18	3.31
-do- Acc	73.88	78.60	-0.21	3.31
PPT Japan	118.59	126.16	+0.15	...
PPT N Amer	145.09	154.35	+1.29	0.07
PPT UK Gth	115.49	122.86	+0.92	1.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	78.32	83.32	+1.92	0.95
Japanese Acc	61.85	65.80	+0.12	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.20	133.20	+0.90	2.52
-do- Acc	146.20	155.50	+1.00	2.52
UK Growth Acc	204.80	217.90	+1.40	2.22
UK High Inc	130.40	138.70	+0.80	6.85
-do- Acc	157.80	167.90	+1.00	6.85
N America Acc	108.00	114.90	+1.50	0.34
European Acc	150.00	159.60	-0.10	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.78	63.42	-0.04	8.91
-do- Acc	96.48	102.30	...	8.91
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.15	50.16	+0.42	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.63	75.14	+0.25	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.90	115.70	+0.40	0.43
UK Smllr Cos	190.60	202.50	-1.60	1.23
Eurofund	36.65	38.80	-0.07	1.03
Mngd Exempt	163.70	170.60	-0.10	3.08
Growth Inc	210.80	224.03	+1.70	3.79
High Dist	138.40	147.10	+3.20	5.27
International	315.40	335.10	+1.60	0.97
Intl Income	78.89	84.22	+0.37	3.09
Pacific	56.23	59.74	+0.60	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	69.17	73.49	+1.03	...
Tokyo	204.80	217.60	-0.20	...
Japan Exempt	114.90	118.00	+0.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	552.20	567.30	+6.20	0.09

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	119.30	126.80	+0.50	1.10
Australia	6.808	7.234	+0.045	1.10
Equity	183.30	194.80	+0.70	3.39
Euro Spec Sits	137.80	145.80	-0.80	0.58
Financial	38.75	41.15	+0.50	2.94
Global Opps Inc	87.52	92.99	+0.14	2.17
-do- Acc	90.72	96.39	+0.14	2.17
Gold Gen Inc	44.53	47.31	+0.06	0.92
-do- Acc	85.47	90.81	+0.16	0.92
Income	119.40	126.90	+0.60	3.86
Japan General	158.40	168.20	+0.40	...
Preference	21.33	22.66	+0.04	8.02
UK Capital	102.40	108.80	+0.30	3.10
Worldwide Cap	193.60	205.70	+0.60	3.12
World Income	80.98	86.04	+0.34	3.54
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Hardington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	170.80	181.60	...	1.10
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.56	107.98	+0.19	3.33
High Income	118.36	124.59	-0.01	4.88
Tst of Inv Tsts	141.01	148.43	+0.09	2.16
Special Sits	83.38	87.77	-0.18	2.78
North American	102.57	107.97	-0.31	0.94
Far Eastern	237.52	250.03	-0.98	1.40
Intl Growth	92.30	97.16	-0.20	1.39
European	63.03	66.29	-0.54	2.24
Smaller Cos	69.36	73.01	-0.04	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.00	231.80	...	3.42
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	115.60	123.00	-0.10	...
High Income	24.46	25.24	+0.01	5.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 5th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.49	94.72	-0.29	0.83
Far Eastern	136.00	145.30	-1.10	...
Ostens Income	87.84	94.11	+0.91	2.51
UK Growth	91.98	98.27	+0.32	1.15
UK Income	99.76	106.70	+0.10	3.72
US Smaller Cos	237.10	253.60	+1.30	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	418.00	447.00	+4.00	...
-do- Acc	427.00	456.60	+4.10	...
Capital	284.90	303.00	+0.40	1.91
-do- Acc	396.80	422.00	+0.50	1.91
Contl Smllr Cos	47.41	51.04	-0.09	0.86
-do- Acc	49.05	52.81	-0.09	0.86
Convertible	112.90	120.00	+1.20	5.97
-do- Acc	209.00	222.30	+2.30	5.97
European	94.34	100.70	-0.30	0.97
-do- Acc	97.48	104.10	-0.30	0.97
Extra Income	288.80	307.20	+1.10	4.06
-do- Acc	404.40	430.10	+1.60	4.06
Financial	102.80	110.40	+0.60	0.67
-do- Acc	107.60	115.60	+0.60	0.67
Health Fund Inc	111.80	119.40	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	111.80	119.40	+1.40	...
Income Tst	177.00	188.20	+0.70	3.78
-do- Acc	246.60	262.30	+1.00	3.78
Intl Growth	307.80	328.70	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	341.80	365.00	+2.60	...
Japan Gen	176.90	189.20	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	178.70	191.10	+3.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.97	93.65	+0.32	0.93
-do- Acc	93.52	98.44	+0.33	0.93
Monthly Income	148.50	157.90	+0.30	4.00
Recovery	285.40	305.20	+1.70	0.75
-do- Acc	334.30	357.50	+2.10	0.75
Gilt Gth Tst	59.66	61.52	-0.15	7.02
-do- Acc	77.08	79.49	-0.20	7.02
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	340.20	361.92	-2.50	2.90
-do- Acc	695.37	739.76	+5.10	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	103.14	109.72	-0.32	0.96
-do- Acc	106.22	113.00	-0.32	0.96
Fixed Int Dist	128.17	135.57	+0.06	6.45
-do- Acc	215.32	227.76	+0.10	6.45
Intl Gth Dist	75.39	80.20	+0.43	0.76
-do- Acc	77.39	82.97	+0.44	0.76
Nth Amer Dist	162.33	171.86	+2.09	0.80
-do- Acc	176.05	186.49	+2.26	0.80
Pac Basin Dist	240.49	255.84	+2.52	0.16
-do- Acc	244.28	259.87	+2.55	0.16
Stewardship Dist	294.81	313.63	+0.64	1.85
-do- Acc	351.50	373.94	+0.76	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	62.32	66.30	+0.43	3.47
-do- Acc	76.94	81.85	+0.53	3.47
N Am Stwd Dist	94.01	100.01	+0.89	...
-do- Acc	99.44	105.79	+0.94	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 5th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.80	149.60	+2.60	...
European	394.60	419.20	-0.30	1.02
Far East General	219.40	234.70	+1.20	0.30
Germany	94.64	100.10	-0.30	0.43
Global Assets In	65.27	69.62	+0.22	2.32
Global Assets Ac	69.20	73.82	+0.24	2.26
Income Inc	116.30	124.40	-0.10	7.07
International	256.90	274.50	+1.40	1.02
Intl Income	77.69	82.63	+0.65	4.82
Japan General	367.40	390.30	+3.70	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.48	49.72	+0.22	6.11
UK Capital Inc	158.80	169.90	-0.10	3.93
-do- Acc	271.60	290.50	-0.30	3.86
UK Spec Sits	72.43	77.47	-0.03	1.64
US General	110.00	117.30	+1.90	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	112.90	120.80	+0.90	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.27	46.28	+0.30	1.45
Cash Trust	128.49	128.49	+0.01	4.64
Pract Inv Inc	100.53	107.80	+0.36	4.04
-do- Acc	215.79	231.41	+0.76	4.04
UK Smaller Cos	100.10	107.35	+0.61	1.05
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.18	26.93	+0.01	7.87
High Inc	30.51	32.63	+0.07	5.12
UK Equity Inc	125.27	133.98	+0.61	3.96
Global Bond	28.08	30.13	+0.11	5.21
International Funds				
Gold Intl	76.65	82.20	+0.13	1.02
Frontier Markets	39.86	42.75	+0.28	0.42
Global Inc Gth	116.41	124.18	+0.77	2.21
UK Intl	109.11	116.70	+1.21	0.41
Overseas Funds				
American	124.93	133.08	+1.10	0.50
European	79.52	84.34	-0.20	0.68
Euro Sel Opps	92.56	98.65	-0.24	0.84
American Emerg	77.43	83.04	+0.75	...
Hong Kong	110.17	118.14	+2.42	1.95
Japan	224.17	238.52	+1.58	...
Pacific Growth	149.23	160.03	+2.25	0.44

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	122.88	131.42	+0.85	0.37
American Gth	117.19	125.33	+1.00	...
European Gth	65.59	70.09	-0.24	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	77.91	83.33	-0.03	...
Pacific Inc	136.59	146.08	+2.07	2.85
Pacific Strategy	116.23	124.31	+2.04	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.45	75.34	+0.44	4.61
Gt British Cos	46.90	49.42	+0.25	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.26	47.34	+0.15	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9648				
Cash	130.90	130.90	...	4.85
Gilt Fixed	117.40	124.60	...	6.61
Growth Equity	280.40	299.50	+2.00	2.12
Guardhill	414.20	442.50	+3.60	2.38
Income Trust	107.00	114.30	+1.00	3.43
International	153.00	163.40	+0.80	0.36
Japan Trust	124.20	132.60	-0.10	...
Nth American	242.90	259.50	+3.00	0.48
Pacific	359.40	383.90	+4.70	...
European	334.60	357.40	-2.70	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 609, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838568				
Global Adv Inc	34.47	36.54	+0.60	1.79
-do- Acc	36.07	38.24	+0.60	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	28.93	30.67	+0.30	4.34
-do- Acc	30.07	31.88	+0.30	4.34
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690396				
Canadian	72.82	78.01	+0.77	0.91
Equity Income	108.60	115.50	+0.90	3.49
European	128.70	136.20	...	0.89
Intl Smaller	74.18	78.91	+0.67	...
Japanese	144.80	153.60	+0.40	...
North American	97.11	103.00	+1.40	...
Scandinavian	113.60	120.10	-0.60	0.42
Smaller Cos	29.53	31.41	+0.07	2.04
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	86.64	92.60	+0.59	...
Asian Enterprise	121.89	131.42	-1.75	0.25
Australian	133.91	143.14	+1.54	1.25
European	358.10	378.93	-2.50	1.37
European Inc	68.34	72.19	-0.06	3.10
Euro Smi Co	119.51	127.77	-1.46	0.69
Extra Income	255.41	271.90	+0.85	4.52
Family of Funds	68.66	73.29	-0.62	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.64	58.43	-0.03	8.07
Global Resour	94.35	101.24	+1.81	0.84
High Inc	280.47	299.81	+1.06	4.19
Income Gth	235.02	250.28	-0.95	3.35
-do- Acc	591.41	629.84	+2.39	1.35
International	224.12	238.57	+1.53	0.84
Japan Spc Sit	239.29	255.78	+1.38	...
Japan	204.77	217.61	+0.37	...
N Amer	212.25	226.03	+2.33	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	180.33	194.06	+2.28	0.36
Pref Gth	44.59	48.43	-0.07	8.41
Smaller Cos Div	160.35	174.77	+0.09	3.94
Special Sits	250.66	268.20	-0.84	2.06
-do- Acc	386.24	413.27	+1.29	2.06
Best of British	54.37	58.30	+0.36	2.33
Spirit of the East	58.62	62.74	+0.44	0.41
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.12	91.03	+0.38	2.90
Capital	151.80	162.30	+0.60	2.02
Dollar	296.40	317.00	+1.20	0.07
European	189.14	202.20	-0.30	0.59
Far East	228.20	244.00	+2.70	0.51
Financial	673.60	720.40	+6.40	2.48
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.29	26.22	...	8.12
High Yield	98.93	105.80	+0.20	4.77
Income	130.00	139.70	+0.60	3.78
Intl	208.60	223.10	+0.70	0.27
Japan Tech	70.57	75.47	+0.62	...
Nat Resources	57.10	61.06	+0.94	0.70
Security	288.80	308.80	+1.00	2.18
Smaller Cos	107.30	114.70	+0.30	1.52
Special Sits	134.10	143.40	+0.90	1.98
US Smaller Cos	63.36	67.75	+0.74	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	240.90	253.60	-0.30	1.43
Capital Gwth	98.84	104.00	+0.60	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.91	26.18	+0.12	1.58
Special Features	26.54	28.19	+0.13	1.66
-do- Acc	31.34	33.29	+0.17	1.66
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.47	55.18	+0.23	1.94
Assets Earnings	69.01	73.32	+0.37	1.94
do Acc	81.10	86.16	+0.43	1.94
Managed Invest	85.32	91.14	+0.50	1.21
Rupert Children	73.56	78.49	+0.43	1.85
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	90.51	90.51	+0.01	4.42
Extra Inc	77.75	83.19	+0.15	4.89
Gilt	27.44	28.89	-0.03	6.83
Income Gth	37.84	40.48	+0.16	3.48
MIMstar	74.18	75.94	+0.02	8.08
Preference	17.69	19.35	-0.03	6.19
UK Income	300.80	321.70	+1.60	2.98
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fixed Sec	54.66	58.06	+0.34	1.30
Property Shares	60.52	64.30	+0.58	1.84
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	139.60	146.60	+0.90	1.82
European Acc	106.30	112.60	-0.20	1.86
European Dist	101.20	107.20	-0.20	1.86
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.14	50.76	+0.60	0.92
European Perf	104.80	111.10	-0.20	1.09
-do- Acc	106.70	113.20	-0.20	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.67	21.99	-0.08	0.76
French Growth	64.04	68.10	-0.48	0.54
-do- Acc	68.42	72.76	-0.51	0.54
Hong K/China	68.40	73.54	+1.63	1.69
Intl Growth	49.95	53.07	+0.36	0.66
-do- Acc	49.95	53.07	+0.36	0.66
Japan Perf	35.39	37.60	+0.31	...
Accum Units	35.39	37.60	+0.31	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.10	38.39	+0.49	...
Singapore Assan	73.78	82.03	+1.32	0.30
-do- Acc	76.25	82.53	+1.32	0.30
South East Asia	219.50	236.90	+3.90	1.01
US Smllr Cos	101.20	107.50	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	102.30	108.60	+0.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.28	87.70	-0.70	2.22
Intl Bond	56.19	56.96	+0.22	6.39
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.28	69.62	...	4.94
Extra Income	50.46	53.68	-0.52	6.82
Gilt Yield	116.90	123.40	-0.10	7.46
Global Income	191.00	203.20	-1.21	4.31
High Yield	129.40	137.70	+0.43	6.01

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Smllr Cos Div	46.68	49.68	+0.76	4.23
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.25	93.88	+0.95	...
North American	73.19	77.86	-0.86	0.41
European	126.00	134.00	-1.00	0.87
Euro Special	76.23	81.10	-0.29	0.95
General	257.10	273.80	-1.40	3.26
Japan	416.20	442.80	+6.40	...
Japanese Special	222.20	236.40	+4.00	...
Master Acc	212.30	225.90	+0.70	1.37
Pacific	257.80	274.30	+2.10	0.59
Smaller Cos	99.73	106.10	-0.60	1.98
UK Equity Gth	33.72	35.87	+0.03	1.81
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.32	75.87	-0.01	0.90
Extra Income	23.45	24.95	+0.18	3.38
Far East	26.47	28.16	+0.28	0.96
Income Gwth	70.94	75.47	-0.17	2.94
Intl Growth	50.45	53.67	+0.31	0.76
Japan	65.05	69.20	+0.49	...
Maximum Dist*	95.51	101.50	+0.10	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.30	39.68	+0.41	0.50
UK Equity	84.58	89.98	+0.68	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.63	55.99	+0.33	4.47
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690305				
Equity Dist	415.70	442.20	+2.50	2.93
Equity Acc	789.00	839.40	+4.70	2.93
Equity Income	90.04	95.79	+0.22	5.16
European	91.99	97.86	-0.25	1.75
Far Eastern	178.30	189.70	+2.40	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.69	53.93	+0.03	6.47
Gilt	88.45	93.80	-0.03	6.56
Global Growth	64.01	68.10	+0.48	0.76
Intl Bond	55.21	58.73	+0.28	4.84
Japanese	70.29	74.78	+0.08	...
Overseas Equity	92.27	98.16	+0.46	0.80
Pacific Gth	82.70	87.98	+1.14	1.37
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	301.40	320.70	-1.80	2.96
-do- Acc	661.90	704.20	-4.10	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	48.39	51.47	-0.03	1.61
-do- Acc	51.70	54.43	+0.04	1.61
Extra Inc	236.50	251.60	-1.70	3.89
-do- Acc	575.00	611.80	+4.00	3.89
German Gth	97.80	103.00	...	0.36
-do- Acc	102.60	108.00	...	0.36
Growth Port	480.30	511.00	+2.70	0.45
-do- Acc	480.30	511.00	+2.70	0.45
Income	437.10	465.10	+2.70	3.55
-do- Acc	1121.0	1193.0	+6.00	3.55
Income Port	478.70	509.30	+1.50	4.27
-do- Acc	483.30	514.20	+1.90	4.27
Japan Growth	98.16	101.30	+0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	95.49	101.60	+0.60	0.01
Master Trust	50.84	54.09	+0.32	1.80
-do- Acc	55.30	58.83	+0.35	1.80
N American Gen	173.10	184.20	+2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	199.90	212.70	+2.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	133.90	142.50	+4.50	0.01
-do- Acc	136.60	145.40	+4.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	196.80	209.30	-0.30	0.58
-do- Acc	207.70	221.00	-0.40	0.58
Small Cos Rec	296.10	311.70	...	2.38
-do- Acc	385.60	405.90	...	2.38
UK Growth	76.34	81.22	-0.67	2.46
-do- Acc	89.01	94.70	-0.78	2.46
Worldwide Gth	267.30	284.40	+2.40	0.30
-do- Acc	393.80	419.00	+3.60	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	74.99	80.46	+0.61	3.10
Income	58.79	63.08	+0.23	5.80
International	55.77	59.84	+0.36	0.80
American	57.32	61.50	+0.61	0.40
Japan	54.09	58.04	+0.08	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.91	57.84	+0.22	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing 0245 390390				
American Gen	372.10	392.80	+4.60	0.83
-do- Acc	459.10	484.70	+5.70	0.83
American Rec	395.70	418.50	+5.90	0.16
-do- Acc	453.40	479.50	+6.80	0.16
Am Sm Co Acc	114.20	120.70	+1.60	...
Australia Acc	149.80	158.40	+3.00	1.23
Capital	640.60	677.40	+3.10	2.62
-do- Acc	708.00	747.40	+3.40	2.62
Commodity Acc	410.90	434.80	+3.70	0.74
Compnd Gth	796.10	841.80	+5.70	2.98
Dividend	34.21	36.20	+0.20	4.21
-do- Acc	135.50	143.50	+0.90	4.21
Equity Inc	289.80	306.50	+1.00	4.84
European Div	57.80	61.10	-0.20	4.41
-do- Acc	65.30	69.10	-0.20	4.41
European Gen	367.90	389.10	-1.40	1.71
-do- Acc	459.60	486.10	-1.70	1.71
Extra Yield	369.10	390.30	+2.40	4.36
-do- Acc	1079.2	1141.4	+7.10	4.36
Far Eastern	293.10	310.00	+4.90	0.62
-do- Acc	385.60	407.80	+6.50	0.62
Fund of Inv	479.10	506.60	-2.30	2.30
-do- Acc	873.90	924.10	+4.20	2.30
General	52.30	55.30	-0.40	3.62
-do- Acc	137.70	145.70	+1.00	3.62
Gilt Fxd Int	60.20	60.20	+0.10	8.03
do Acc	151.30	151.50	+0.20	8.03
Gold	48.80	51.60	+0.60	1.15
-do- Acc	57.10	60.30	+0.70	1.15
High Inc	34.50	35.90	+0.10	4.60
-do- Acc	90.70	96.00	+0.30	4.60
Intl Growth	67.30	71.20	+0.60	0.92
-do- Acc	116.00	122.70	+1.00	0.92
Intl Inc	89.80	95.00	+0.80	4.61
Japan Gen Acc	50.00	52.90	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	147.30	155.70	+2.50	...
Midland	52.20	55.20	+0.20	3.47
-do- Acc	167.00	176.70	+0.60	3.47
Recovery	35.70	37.80	+0.20	2.77
-do- Acc	56.10	59.40	-0.30	2.77
Second Gen	59.90	63.30	+0.50	3.53
-do- Acc	146.40	154.90	+1.30	3.53
Smaller Cos	57.70	61.00	+0.10	3.23
-do- Acc	109.40	115.70	+0.20	3.23
Trustee	38.00	40.20	+0.40	3.85
Charibond 3	1108.39	... †	+0.10	9.95
Charifund 2	607.80	620.00	+4.60	5.23
Pension ex 1	824.60	845.30	+4.50	4.28
NAACIP Inc 3	344.23	...	...	8.05
-do- Acc 3	1071.1	...	+3.00	8.05
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	133.30	142.50	+0.42	2.04
-do- Acc	148.00	158.30	+0.42	2.04
UK Income	111.60	119.40	+0.42	2.66
-do- Acc	124.50	133.10	+0.42	2.66
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.87	81.14	+0.83	0.84
Far East (Pacific)	132.60	140.70	+1.40	0.67
Income Growth	68.32	72.42	+0.46	3.21
European	64.79	68.77	-0.25	1.32
Nth American	55.24	58.64	+0.79	1.04
UK Growth	73.02	77.51	+0.19	1.67
Intl Growth	91.58	97.21	+0.81	0.67
Charities	104.20	110.60	+0.60	3.85

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	66.02	70.08	+0.79	4.30
Japan	53.77	57.08	-0.30	0.07
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	180.60	191.70	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	193.10	204.00	+2.20	...
Cash	100.30	100.30	...	5.48
-do- Acc	129.10	129.10	...	5.48
European Gth	185.50	196.60	-0.20	0.81
-do- Acc	198.50	210.50	-0.20	0.81
General	447.40	477.30	+3.70	2.54
-do- Acc	851.10	907.90	+7.00	2.54
Global Dist	129.30	135.80	+0.50	5.38
-do- Acc	144.70	152.00	+0.60	5.38
Income	133.90	142.90	+0.50	4.77
-do- Acc	195.90	209.00	+0.80	4.77
International	372.90	397.20	+3.00	0.70
-do- Acc	494.60	526.70	+3.80	0.70
Japan	180.60	191.60	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	185.40	196.60	+1.70	...
New Europe	132.00	140.80	-0.10	1.84
-do- Acc	134.00	143.10	-0.20	1.84
Recovery	285.70	304.80	-1.30	2.94
-do- Acc	361.20	385.30	+1.60	2.94
European Inc	71.71	76.26	-0.04	3.20
-do- Acc	90.98	96.74	-0.04	3.20
Brit Blue Chip	70.27	74.90	+0.62	3.36
-do- Acc	82.87	88.34	+0.72	3.36
Portfolio	71.89	76.47	+0.32	2.97
-do- Acc	81.75	86.95	+0.36	2.97
Gold General	101.70	108.40	+1.30	0.86
-do- Acc	103.10	110.90	+1.30	0.86
Pacific	88.29	94.18	+2.27	0.89
-do- Acc	93.33	99.56	+2.41	0.89
UK Smaller Cos	49.67	52.98	+0.12	2.13
-do- Acc	55.43	59.13	+0.13	2.13
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 528 076				
Balanced Dist	56.07	59.97	+0.16	3.02
-do- Acc	56.93	60.89	+0.16	3.02
British Dist	75.19	80.42	-0.53	2.04
-do- Acc	85.12	91.04	-0.60	2.04
European Gth	161.20	172.30	-0.40	0.53
-do- Acc	202.40	216.30	-0.40	0.53
Extra High Inc	67.00	71.66	-0.16	6.33
-do- Acc	117.80	126.00	-0.30	6.33
FT-SE 100 Index	47.39	50.68	+0.34	2.66
-do- Acc	47.39	50.68	+0.34	2.66
Gilt Fixed Int	55.33	57.60	...	6.86
-do- Acc	145.60	151.50	...	6.86
High Yield	209.10	223.60	-0.60	4.71
-do- Acc	490.90	525.00	-1.30	4.71
Income	270.70	289.50	+1.30	3.53
-do- Acc	562.70	601.80	+2.40	3.53
Japan Gth	341.20	364.90	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	360.10	385.10	-0.60	...
Mandarin Acc	93.62	100.10	+0.21	1.23
North American	159.80	170.90	+1.20	0.53
-do- Acc	200.90	214.90	+1.50	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	252.90	269.80	+3.80	...
Deposit Inc	99.93	99.93	+0.01	4.79
Deposit Acc	122.21	122.21	+0.01	4.79
Euro-Gth Acc	261.20	279.10	+0.40	...
Europe	117.90	126.80	+0.20	...
Intl Gth	165.30	176.40	+1.70	...
Japan Tracker	75.37	79.78	-0.23	...
UK Equity Inc	142.70	153.90	-0.60	4.26
-do- Acc	174.80	188.60	-0.80	4.26
UK Ind Tracker	138.90	148.80	+1.10	3.25
US Eq Ind Trkr	183.60	194.70	+2.90	1.50
-do- Acc	194.20	206.00	+3.10	1.50
Asian Trader	150.30	162.80	+3.50	0.48
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	158.20	161.90	+1.90	2.34
European	58.89	60.20	-0.35	1.19
Olympiad	52.52	53.92	+0.64	0.44
Global Bond	46.19	46.69	+0.16	6.72
Smaller Cos	63.09	65.84	+0.23	1.24
Equity Income	90.10	92.62	+0.49	5.14
UK Growth	80.40	82.83	+0.41	2.14
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.01	48.01	+0.48	1.01
Australian Acc	288.10	309.10	+5.60	...
Conscience	62.80	67.02	+0.34	1.06
-do- Acc	67.44	71.97	+0.37	1.06
European	160.30	170.90	-0.50	1.14
-do- Acc	172.50	183.90	-0.50	1.14
Extra Income	70.85	75.61	+0.29	5.87
-do- Acc	107.50	114.70	+0.40	5.87
Far East Gth	158.80	169.70	+1.40	0.13
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.03	60.36	-0.09	6.43
Gold	38.95	41.88	+0.72	...
-do- Acc	41.94	45.09	+0.76	...
Income	50.91	54.30	+0.17	5.17
-do- Acc	152.60	162.70	+0.40	5.17
International	28.54	30.62	+0.20	1.08
-do- Acc	41.01	44	+0.28	1.08
Jap Sm Cos Acc	330	352	+8.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	168.10	180.20	+1.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.61	26.46	-0.28	2.08
Special Sits	31.62	33.69	+0.33	1.79
-do- Acc	36.41	39.15	+0.38	1.79
Tokyo	84.02	89.62	-0.44	...
-do- Acc	84.87	90.52	-0.46	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.02	70.24	+0.33	2.83
N&P Gh Fxd Int	72.26	76.47	+0.02	7.27
N&P Higher Inc	190.40	202.60	+0.70	4.50
N&P UK Income	99.60	105.96	+0.35	3.84
N&P Intl	84.31	89.70	+0.23	1.81
N&P Smaller Cos	74.30	79.05	+0.32	1.53
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4484				
General	156.99	166.59	+0.30	2.33
Global	270.09	287.33	+0.64	1.74
Growth	104.16	110.84	+0.59	2.55
Income	193.00	205.32	-0.01	4.40
Intl Bond	121.57	129.07	-1.44	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	132.80	139.80	+1.00	2.61
-do- Acc	235.60	247.90	+1.70	2.61
Income	211.40	224.80	+1.50	3.67
Intl Equity	214.90	228.60	+0.70	0.91
-do- Acc	235.30	250.20	+0.70	0.91
Equity	212.10	225.60	+1.20	2.46
-do- Acc	429.90	457.30	+3.40	2.46
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.21	71.50	+0.49	1.96
UK Income	58.84	62.59	+0.39	3.18
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.66	75.15	+0.14	1.51
New Europe Acc	58.32	62.04	-0.03	1.53
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	88.80	94.98	+0.59	0.13
PEP Gth Inc	97.43	104.21	+0.51	1.15
Intl Gth	465.88	498.27	-1.57	0.86
Income	290.23	310.41	+0.90	3.48
W wide Recov	297.03	317.68	+1.03	0.46
American Gth	193.93	207.42	-0.15	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	178.40	190.81	+0.57	0.09
Far East Gth	211.34	226.09	-0.13	0.01

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.10	115.62	-0.79	1.27
UK Growth	74.29	79.46	+0.16	3.05
High Income	80.61	86.22	+0.11	4.59
Japanese Gth	215.90	228.89	+1.09	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	169.10	177.80	+0.90	0.89
High Income	106.30	113.10	+0.20	3.74
Conv Gilt	108.50	115.50	+1.00	0.41
Far East	294.50	313.30	+4.30	0.39
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seedless Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	47.81	50.86	+0.39	0.33
Emerging Mkts	58.54	62.28	+0.37	0.61
General	46.81	49.80	+0.97	3.27
International	81.34	86.53	+0.25	1.39
Gilt Units	24.79	25.56	-0.04	7.54
Global PEP	33.86	36.02	+0.30	2.15
Income Gth	63.15	67.16	+0.78	4.88
European	40.93	43.54	-0.11	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.37	26.99	+0.09	5.79
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst **	30.35	32.45	+0.16	1.60
Pru Cah Hvn Inc	100.83	100.83	+0.01	3.99
-do- Acc	104.94	104.94	+0.02	3.99
Pru Equity	637.98	682.33	+3.52	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	77.48	82.86	-0.26	4.64
Pru European	165.28	176.77	-0.95	1.91
Pru Global Gth	77.06	82.41	+0.39	1.56
Pru High Inc	84.23	90.08	+0.12	5.70
Pru Intl	156.52	167.40	+0.62	1.29
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.88	70.45	+0.37	0.91
Pru Japanese	200.74	214.69	-0.88	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.24	145.71	-0.98	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	72.12	77.13	+1.38	1.83
Pru Prem Inc	48.28	50.29	-0.05	7.61
Pru Smllr Cos	80.59	86.19	+0.14	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	95.75	102.40	+0.76	2.26
Pru UK Growth	106.86	114.28	+0.64	2.37
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	148.58	159.96	+1.35	3.70
NC Japan	271.88	291.40	+1.09	...
NC Mal UK Cos	90.90	97.74	+0.86	2.46
NC America Inc	461.23	495.31	+5.15	0.86
-do- Acc	535.72	575.30	+5.98	0.86
NC Smllr UK Cos	254.13	273.03	+0.84	1.53
NC European	243.18	259.83	-0.78	1.35
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	69.57	74.01	+0.72	3.81
Capital Units	139.20	148.00	+0.90	1.33
Commodity	96.80	102.93	+1.10	1.22
European Gth	145.70	155.00	-0.30	1.37
Financial Sec	165.20	175.70	+1.50	1.92
High Return	208.60	221.90	+0.90	4.49
High Yield	200.30	213.00	+1.50	4.10
Income Units	105.60	112.30	+0.30	4.93
Investment	167.20	177.80	+0.80	1.16
Japan Gth	152.20	161.90	+0.50	...
Japan Smaller	181.80	193.40	+3.00	...
Masterfund	44.85	47.71	+0.35	0.95
Scotbits	240.10	255.40	+2.30	1.65
Scotshares	250.20	266.10	+1.30	2.72
Scotyields	217.70	231.50	+1.00	4.00
Select Intl	125.40	133.40	+1.00	0.74
Smaller Cos	221.60	235.70	+0.80	4.08
Special Situation	106.90	113.70	+0.50	0.85
UK Equity	218.50	232.40	+1.40	2.88
US Growth	132.40	140.80	+1.60	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	226.54	241.64	-1.28	0.51
-do- Acc	245.41	261.77	-1.39	0.51
Australian	125.21	133.55	+1.71	0.80
-do- Acc	147.20	157.01	+2.01	0.80
UK Enterprise	203.61	217.18	+0.73	2.43
-do- Acc	235.21	250.89	+0.85	2.43
European Gth	58.47	62.36	-0.25	1.41
-do- Acc	60.52	64.55	-0.26	1.41
Euro Smllr Cos	54.73	58.37	-0.49	0.39
-do- Acc	55.10	58.77	-0.49	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	67.88	72.40	+0.46	...
-do- Acc	68.98	73.57	+0.47	...
Fixed Interest	51.04	53.86	-0.05	7.32
-do- Acc	61.96	65.40	-0.06	7.32
Gilt Income	100.50	105.91	-0.27	7.58
-do- Acc	140.36	147.91	-0.39	7.58
Income	300.99	321.05	+1.82	4.10
-do- Acc	887.82	947.03	+5.39	4.10
Japan Enterprise	68.12	72.66	-0.11	...
-do- Acc	68.12	72.66	-0.11	...
Japan Smllr Cos	453.17	483.38	+8.15	...
-do- Acc	454.08	484.35	+8.17	...
Pacific Gth	89.38	95.33	+0.28	0.21
-do- Acc	92.03	98.15	+0.28	0.21
Smaller Cos	183.45	195.68	-0.06	0.94
-do- Acc	210.25	224.26	-0.07	0.94
Tokyo	107.79	114.97	-0.38	...
-do- Acc	108.88	116.13	-0.38	...
UK Equity	202.12	215.59	+1.35	2.72
-do- Acc	374.30	399.25	+2.50	2.72
US Smllr Cos	128.08	136.61	-0.64	...
-do- Acc	128.08	136.61	-0.64	...
World Bd	68.40	72.96	+0.29	1.61
-do- Acc	72.12	76.93	+0.31	1.61
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.83	46.68	+0.46	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.78	66.86	+1.02	1.21
European Opps	69.33	73.84	+0.27	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.76	101.31	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.11	53.37	+0.14	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	336.80	359.90	+2.00	2.78
American	234.40	248.90	+2.50	0.94
Pacific	323.30	345.80	+1.30	0.66
European	438.80	469.30	-1.10	1.27
Worldwide	77.52	82.70	+0.69	1.20
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	294.70	313.60	+2.60	2.60
UK Sm Cos Eqty	200.90	213.80	+0.90	1.88
European	315.50	335.70	-0.10	2.09
North American	239.50	254.80	+2.30	0.52
Income Plus Inc	63.46	67.52	+0.16	3.72
UK Spec Sits	65.94	70.15	+0.61	2.78
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.77	26.51	+0.22	2.98
Intl Growth Acc	28.19	30.17	+0.08	1.14
Global Inc Acc	30.28	32.41	+0.11	3.83
Market Ldrs Acc	25.45	27.24	+0.26	2.92
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.00	83.42	+0.83	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.36	46.30	-0.35	...
-do- Acc	46.12	49.02	-0.37	...
Far East Opps	31.12	33.50	+0.52	...
-do- Acc	31.98	34.43	+0.54	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.04	103.90	+0.90	2.00
Global Tech	115.50	124.90	+1.30	...
Income Growth	99.84	107.40	+0.30	3.48
Income Monthly	56.64	60.57	+0.14	4.25
Japan Growth	81.96	87.16	-0.64	...
Overseas Gth	73.41	78.12	+0.34	...
Smaller Cos	71.14	76.49	+0.20	1.62
Special Opps	100.20	107.70	+0.50	2.15
Wld Spec Sits	46.92	50.55	+0.42	...
-do- Acc	47.03	50.67	+0.42	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	94.26	...	+0.16	...
Global Bond	94.38	...	+0.05	7.50
Japan Sectoral	94.21	...	-0.11	...
UK Growth	93.22	...	+0.26	4.25
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.67	45.55	+0.70	1.78
Equity Gth Acc	57.73	61.34	-0.70	1.43
UK Eq General	40.74	43.29	-0.50	2.31
-do- Acc	53.86	57.23	-0.70	2.31
European Acc	40.01	42.52	+0.50	1.15
Far East Acc	54.09	57.48	+1.00	0.23
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.50	31.30	...	6.80
N American Acc	41.40	43.99	+1.10	0.81
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	270.10	293.10	+6.10	1.51
UK Eq High Inc	34.18	36.32	+0.30	3.86
-do- Acc	40.59	43.13	+0.40	3.86
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.30	305.30	+3.60	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Acc	366.30	397.50	+4.70	3.89
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bircha Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.61	NZ$3.84	...	1.12
US Eq	$2.080	$2.207	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y248.6	Y264.1	...	...
Japan Eq	Y242.7	Y257.8	...	...
FT Europe	109.30	116.00	...	2.18
FT North Am	$1.698	$1.801	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y243.6	Y258.7	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.942	...	1.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	327.00	348.20	+5.40	0.32
British	908.80	961.50	+2.50	4.41
European	384.50	409.50	-1.90	1.45
Japan	144.30	153.30	+1.90	...
New Pacific	284.20	302.70	+4.40	1.30
Mngd Cash	95.76	95.76	...	5.08
Majority Stlg	99.93	100.93	+0.01	4.87
Inv Tst	180.60	191.40	-0.50	1.86
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	708.70	758.00	+3.80	2.77
N America Acc	109.50	117.10	+1.90	0.09
Far East Acc	118.90	127.20	+1.30	...
W wide Bond	59.51	63.17	+0.24	5.52
European	79.73	85.27	...	0.52
Equity Income	80.17	85.74	+0.27	3.19
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.93	35.22	+0.36	0.61
Managed Assets	115.92	123.98	+0.50	3.43
UK Income	35.69	38.18	+0.23	3.09
UK Growth	35.37	37.83	+0.26	2.39
Worldwide Gth	30.21	32.32	+0.12	0.41
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	197.19	209.78	+1.85	0.13
-do- Acc	216.59	230.41	+2.03	0.13
British Gth	83.32	88.64	+0.51	1.87
-do- Acc	98.03	104.29	+0.60	1.87
European	91.75	97.61	+0.09	0.99
-do- Acc	96.78	102.96	+0.10	0.99
Extra Inc	181.71	193.31	+0.75	3.92
-do- Acc	299.88	308.38	+1.20	3.92
General Unit	253.15	269.31	+1.48	2.53
-do- Acc	499.52	531.40	+2.92	2.53
Income	317.28	337.53	+1.07	3.52
-do- Acc	646.25	687.50	+2.17	3.52
International	466.45	496.22	+3.14	0.55
-do- Acc	610.59	649.57	+4.11	0.55
Pacific	330.35	351.44	+7.14	...
-do- Acc	345.99	368.07	+7.48	...
Premier Income	49.79	51.86	+0.10	6.32
-do- Acc	103.80	108.12	+0.21	6.32
Nat Resources	106.52	113.32	+1.33	0.31
-do- Acc	116.83	124.28	+1.45	0.31
Selected Opps	92.61	98.52	-0.52	1.26
-do- Acc	115.94	123.34	-0.66	1.26
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	69.03	73.69	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	71.26	76.01	+0.31	...
Cash	50.45	50.45	...	6.25
-do- Acc	61.55	61.55	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	59.05	62.87	-0.27	0.47
-do- Acc	59.67	63.52	-0.27	0.47
Far East Opps	148.40	158.29	+1.78	...
-do- Acc	151.86	161.98	+1.82	...
Gold/Nat Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	83.95	89.26	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	83.95	89.26	+1.10	...
Little Dragons	66.02	70.42	-1.19	0.71
-do- Acc	68.09	72.62	-1.21	0.71
Oriental Income	42.65	45.49	+0.51	3.50
-do- Acc	54.37	57.99	+0.66	3.50
Tiger	203.88	217.47	-2.58	1.21
-do- Acc	214.76	229.07	-2.71	1.21
UK Small Cos	71.20	76.14	+0.20	2.09
-do- Acc	83.09	88.85	+0.26	2.09
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	15.67	16.67	+0.23	0.90
Pacific Basin	30.11	32.03	+0.53	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.10	37.34	-0.22	...
Global Bond	$0.974	$1.015	-0.002	7.28
Penny Share	23.74	25.25	+0.15	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.60	52.66	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.15	67.80	+0.02	...
Gilt Income	51.32	53.40	-0.01	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.00	107.40	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	+0.000	...
Challenger	89.35	91.42	+0.86	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.27	70.50	+0.29	2.09

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	13,000	Carlton Cms	258	Land Secs	1,400	Scot Hydro	1,500
Abbey Natl	3,500	Coats Viyella	568	Legal & Gn	617	Scot & New	1,000
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Cm Union	994	Lloyds Bk	558	Scot Power	2,700
Anglian W	607	Courtaulds	1,300	MB Cardn	1,700	Sears	4,600
Argyll Gp	3,400	De La Rue	387	Marks Spr	4,300	Svrn Trent	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,500	Eng China	2,300	NFC	318	Shell Trans	8,000
AB Foods	179	Enterpr Oil	437	NatWst Bk	1,800	Siebe	1,700
BAA	1,400	Fisons	1,200	Nat Power	1,600	SmKl Bch	2,100
BAT Inds	2,600	Forte	2,400	Nth Wst W	1,400	Smith Nph	2,200
BOC	1,600	GRE	3,900	Nthrn Fds	4,600	Sthrn Elec	285
BP	9,700	GUS A	28	P & O	613	Std Chartd	93
BT	5,100	Gen Acc	3,900	Pearson	577	Sun Allnce	2,600
BTR	1,900	Gen Elec	3,200	PowerGen	1,600	TI Gp	1,400
Bk of Scot	4,600	Glaxo	10,000	Prudential	1,700	TSB	9,000
Barclays	1,400	Granada	1,100	RTZ	1,200	Tate & Lyle	1,600
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	5,200	Rank Org	807	Tesco	4,700
Blue Circle	2,600	Guinness	834	Reckitt Col	565	Thames W	2,700
Boots	3,200	HSBC	2,900	Redland	1,300	Thrn EMI	963
Bowater	1,000	Hanson	2,600	Reed Intl	1,900	Tomkins	6,300
Brit Airwys	3,100	ICI	1,500	Rentokil	2,900	Unilever	1,100
Brit Gas	7,500	Inchcape	1,200	Reuters	781	Utd Bisc	1,100
Brit Steel	7,600	Kingfisher	1,500	Rothmans	816	Vodafone	4,800
Burmah Cast	644	Kwik Save	18	Ryl Ins	1,200	Wellcome	1,400
Cable Wire	1,400	LASMO	1,600	Ryl Bk Scot	4,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Cadbury	2,200	Ladbroke	2,700	Sainsbury	4,100	Wlms Hld	1,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3447.99 (+4.71)
S&P Composite .... 442.71 (-0.09)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20940.37 (-114.34)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6841.97 (+102.74)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 108.7 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1687.4 (+15.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1616.15 (+7.12)

FT 30 share: .... 2215.4 (-2.6)

Brussels:
General .... 6020.40 (+9.74)

Paris: CAC .... 512.21 (+0.31)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 488.0 (+2.6)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1397.44 (+3.02)
FT 500 .... 1526.48 (+1.29)
FT Gold Mines .... 150.7 (-3.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.02 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.84 (-0.02)
Bargains 28290
SEAQ Volume 676.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 136.44 (+0.63)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 11/5/93: Alvis, Aviva, Berisford, Clinton Cards, Comac, Emess, Hanson Wts, Kunick, Northern Foods, Ratners, Regalian, Western Mining, Yorkshire TV. Put: Ratners. Puts & Calls: FNFC, Hartstone, Lonrho, Pittencrieff, Ratners, Tarmac.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2843.0	2847.0	2823.0	2841.0	10218
Previous open interest: 49165	Sep 93	2855.0	2864.0	2855.0	2864.0	1128
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.06	94.06	94.02	94.05	10690
Previous open interest: 301873	Sep 93	94.15	94.17	94.10	94.16	20038
	Dec 93	94.08	94.10	94.03	94.08	6381
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.82	96.83	96.82	96.82	337
Previous open interest: 17700	Sep 93	96.74	96.74	96.74	96.74	123
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.83	92.85	92.81	92.83	14019
Previous open interest: 552213	Sep 93	93.66	93.67	93.62	93.66	25478
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				111-30	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-21	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	103-28	103-30	103-16	103-25	27334
Previous open interest: 74990	Sep 93	102-28	102-28	102-25	102-30	152
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.84	107.84	107.38	107.59	2565
	Sep 93	106.97	106.99	106.60	106.83	978
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.63	94.80	94.61	94.76	46211
Previous open interest: 163980	Sep 93	94.90	94.99	94.84	94.99	4035
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.02	92.05	92.00	92.03	852
Previous open interest: 23096	Sep 93	92.83	92.83	92.79	92.81	357
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.17	95.17	95.10	95.11	3992
Previous open interest: 35124	Sep 93	95.60	95.63	95.60	95.61	2287
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	97.50	97.57	97.16	97.32	11581
Previous open interest: 42855	Sep 93	97.06	97.23	97.05	97.15	5

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.4 (day's range 80.1-80.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7750-2.7844	2.7809-2.7844	¼-⅛ds	¾-1ds
Brussels	50.87-51.11	50.97-51.05	4-9ds	13-19ds
Copenhagen	9.5370-9.5980	9.5750-9.5980	4⅞-7⅞ds	10⅞-14⅞ds
Dublin	1.0210-1.0230	1.0215-1.0229	18-24ds	50-61ds
Frankfurt	2.4745-2.4811	2.4779-2.4811	⅜-½ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Lisbon	229.90-230.91	230.60-230.91	246-260ds	626-662ds
Madrid	181.49-182.38	181.49-181.77	185-202ds	421-464ds
Milan	2285.10-2300.70	2294.40-2300.70	9-11ds	26-29ds
Montreal	1.9559-1.9674	1.9652-1.9674	0.23-0.08pr	0.35-0.20pr
New York	1.5370-1.5440	1.5420-1.5430	0.38-0.36pr	1.08-1.05pr
Oslo	10.4530-10.5180	10.4940-10.5180	⅞-2⅞ds	2⅞-4⅞ds
Paris	8.3420-8.3620	8.3420-8.3560	1⅜-1⅞ds	3⅜-4⅜ds
Stockholm	11.3870-11.4620	11.4180-11.4420	2⅞-4⅛ds	7⅞-9⅛ds
Tokyo	171.37-172.24	171.47-171.66	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.39-17.46	17.42-17.48	2¼-3¼ds	4½-6¼ds
Zurich	2.2415-2.2499	2.2466-2.2497	¼pr-par	⅜-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5364-1.5390
Australia dollar	2.1987-2.2019
Bahrain dinar	0.575-0.587
Brazil cruzeiro*	54124.0-54131.0
Cyprus pound	0.728-0.738
Finland marka	8.4545-8.5705
Greece drachma	333.0-340.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.9100-11.9194
India rupee	47.82-48.78
Kuwait dinar KD	0.459-0.469
Malaysia ringgit	3.9531-3.9573
Mexico peso	4.77-4.87
New Zealand dollar	2.8314-2.8385
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.717-5.843
Singapore dollar	2.4854-2.4887
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0909-7.1418
S Africa rand (com)	4.9038-4.9094
U A E dirham	5.5955-5.7195

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4291-1.4302
Austria	11.31-11.32
Belgium (Com)	33.08-33.10
Canada	1.2730-1.2735
Denmark	6.21-6.22
France	5.420-5.425
Germany	1.6105-1.6115
Hong Kong	7.7288-7.7298
Ireland	1.5085-1.5095
Italy	1490.0-1493.0
Japan	111.30-111.35
Malaysia	2.5695-2.5705
Netherlands	1.8075-1.8085
Norway	6.806-6.816
Portugal	149.6-149.7
Singapore	1.615-1.616
Spain	118.25-118.35
Sweden	7.428-7.438
Switzerland	1.4592-1.4602

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: n/a Low n/a Week fixed: n/a
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾			
Interbank:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	6-5¾	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6
Overnight: open 5¾, close 3			6-5¾	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5⅞	6
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.04-3.01	n/a	3.09-3.06	3.15-3.12	3.36-3.33
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-6

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2¾	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	7⅜-7⅛	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	8-7⅞	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	7⅝-7⅜	8⅛-7⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-4⅞	5-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	5⅛-4½
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $355.40-355.80 Close: $356.50-357.00 High: $356.60-357.10
Low: $353.55-354.05 Krugerrand: $356.00-358.00 (£230.50-232.50)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-87.00 (£54.00-55.00) New $84.00-87.00 (£54.00-55.00)
Platinum: $378.75 (£246.35) Silver: $4.27 (£2.765) Palladium: $119.25 (£77.55)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon..	550	26	41	49	27	35	41
(*559½)	600	8½	21	30	63	68	73
ASDA..	67	7	9	-	4½	8	-
(*67½)	76	4	6	-	10½	12½	-
Bass..	500	52	65	72	8½	15	28
(*542½)	550	22	35	43	29	38	52
Boots..	420	35	48	52	11	18	24
(*438)	460	14	25	32	31	34	43
Br Airways	280	27	36	41	9	14	19
(*296)	300	15	25	30	19	23	28
BP..	300	22	29	35	10	16	20
(*309)	330	9	14½	22	27	32	36
Br Steel..	90	10½	14½	17	6	8	10½
(*94½)	100	6	9	12½	11	13½	15½
C & W..	650	62	75	84	12	21	27
(*700½)	700	29	46	56	32	41	49
CU..	590	33	40	-	22	32	-
(*590)	629	12	21	-	52	63	-
Courtauld..	550	27	42	51	26	34	41
(*557)	600	8½	21	30	59	66	71
GKN..	420	43	49	-	7	16	-
(*451½)	460	17	25	-	22	36	-
ICI..	1250	52	77	85	62	90	125
(*1263)	1300	77	110	112	42	67	100
Kingfishr..	584	27	40	-	26	38	-
(*596½)	632	11	22	-	60	70	-
Land Sec..	500	51	53	55	7½	12	17
(*547½)	550	12	24	29	32	35	40
M & S..	330	27	35	41	8	13	16½
(*349)	360	9	20	25	22	28	31
Sainsbury..	460	28	41	50	17	25	30
(*481½)	500	11	23	31	43	49	53
Shell..	550	36	43	50	9½	19	24
(*575½)	600	10	17	25	36	47	51
Smkl Bch..	460	40	53	65	17	27	36
(*478)	500	19	33	45	37	48	56
Storehse..	200	19	28	30	11	16	21
(*206½)	220	9½	17	21	22	27	32
Trafalgar..	83	13	16	-	4	5½	-
(*90)	92	8	11	-	8	10	-
Unilever..	1050	80	100	115	13	23	33
(*1091)	1100	43	70	85	33	43	57

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Feb	Puts Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met..	420	25	34	45	18	26	35
(*430)	460	8½	17	27	45	50	58
Ladbroke..	140	25	29	33	5	11	14
(*161)	160	13	18	23	14	21	25
Utd Bsc..	420	32	43	50	22	30	35
(*425)	460	15	24	31	45	55	58

May 11, 1993 Tot: 26243 Call: 13530 Put: 12713 FT-SE Call: 2364 Put: 6161

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA..	700	53	63	79	1	14	21
(*751)	750	11	31	49	11	32	40
BAT Ind..	850	29	62	77	6	27	47
(*878½)	900	5½	36	52	34	52	75
BTR..	550	40	52	60	1	7½	17
(*589)	600	3	20	30	16	27	40
Br Aero..	300	27	48	59	1½	18	32
(*325)	330	7	31	47	11½	33	48
Br Telcm..	390	15	26	31	3	16	20
(*400½)	420	2	11	18	20	33	36
Cadbury..	420	32	44	53	1½	8½	16
(*449)	460	6	20	31	14	27	34
Guinness..	460	20	38	48	3	15	25
(*475½)	500	2½	18	29	26	36	45
GEC..	300	15½	22	27	1½	10	15
(*313)	330	1½	7	13	19	29	32
Hanson..	220	15	19	23	1	5	10
(*233½)	240	1½	8	13	8	15	20
LASMO..	140	9½	19	25	2	10	15
(*146½)	160	2	10	17	16½	23	27
Lucas..	140	6	15	21	3	9	18
(*143)	160	2	7½	12	18	23	27
P & O..	550	14	38	48	8	25	45
(*555)	600	2	17	28	47	57	77
Pilkingtn..	130	5½	12	16	3	11	15
(*129)	140	2	7	11½	10	17	22
Prudential..	300	20	30	36	1½	6½	12
(*319½)	330	2	13	20	14	20	27
RTZ..	600	19	43	58	5	21	33
(*610½)	650	2	21	35	40	50	63
Scot New..	460	17	29	38	3½	21	29
(*471½)	500	2	13	20	30	47	53
Tesco..	180	40	44	48	1	2	4
(*216½)	200	20	27	33	1½	5½	9
Thames W..	500	10	22	30	4½	25	32
(*504½)	550	1½	5	11	46	63	66
Vodafone..	390	27	39	51	2½	13	20
(*415½)	420	5	20	35	11	27	35

FT-SE INDEX (*2834½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	135	86	41	16	4½	2½
Jun	151	111	74	45	26	13
Jul	166	129	98	68	46	28
Aug	184	146	119	88	69	51
Dec	260	-	195	-	133	-
Puts						
May	3	5½	14	38	78	127
Jun	14	23	38	61	93	133
Jul	28	41	55	78	106	140
Aug	41	53	73	94	121	154
Dec	79	-	114	-	160	-

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat..	390	23	34	43	6	17	22
(*407½)	420	8	18	28	22	32	37
Amstrad..	30	4½	6	8	2	3½	4
(*33)	35	2	4	6	4½	6	7
Barclays..	420	21	36	45	10	22	30
(*430)	460	4	17	27	34	46	52
Blue Circ..	240	20	32	37	6	13	19
(*253½)	260	8½	21	27	15	23	30
Br Gas..	280	19½	28	32	3½	7	13
(*295½)	300	7½	16	20	11	16	22
	330	2	6	9½	37	39	43
Dixons..	200	25	31	36	5½	12	18
(*216½)	220	11	18	25	13	23	28
Eurotnl..	390	28	46	65	16	32	40
(*395)	420	14	33	49	34	49	57
Forte..	180	17	25	30	4½	10	14
(*193½)	200	6	14	20	14	20	25
Glaxo..	550	84	103	114	4	17	33
(*635½)	600	42	70	55	15	35	53
	650	18	43	62	42	60	80
HSBC..	550	51	70	85	10	26	37
(*580½)	600	21	44	59	31	51	61
Hillsdwn..	140	21	27	31	2½	6	10
(*158½)	160	7½	15	18	10	15	18
Lonrho..	100	10	15	19	4	9	12
(*107½)	110	5	10½	14½	9½	15	17½
Reuter..	1250	55	97	135	27	57	74
(*1270½)	1300	30	72	110	52	80	100
R-Royce..	130	11½	16	20	6	9½	14½
(*133½)	140	5½	12	15½	11	15	20
Sears..	100	6	10½	14	4	6½	9
(*102)	110	2½	6	8½	10½	13	16
Thrn Emi..	800	42	58	72	10	32	40
(*827½)	850	15	31	47	34	66	70
TSB..	160	20	24	27	2½	6½	10
(*177)	180	6½	13	17	9½	16	20
Vaal Reefs..	50	11½	13	14	2½	4½	6½
(*56)	60	6	7½	10	6½	9	11
Wellcome..	750	40	71	89	26	46	62
(*766)	800	19	47	65	56	73	90

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Dec	Puts Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons..	160	23	32	36	5	14	18
(*172)	180	13	20	26	19	25	30

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Eastn Elc..	460	8½	23	31	7	28	34
(*460½)	500	1	8	16	41	57	62

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr..	300	36	45	54	2½	6½	9½
(*334)	330	14	25	35	9½	16	21
Scot Pwr..	290	26	30	33	2½	5	10
(*314½)	310	11	17	21	7	16	15½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: *Sugar was the most active soft commodity, with coffee and cocoa void of news. There were rumours that a large Caribbean producer was buying in New York but this could not be confirmed at the time of writing. Chartists have been looking at a possible "double top" formation, which is usually a bearish signal, but when supply and demand is so finely balanced, technical indicators often break down.*

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	659-656	Jul	765-763
Jul	679-678	Sep	780 SLR
Sep	694-693	Dec	805-803
Dec	714-713	Mar	824-822
Mar	734-732		
May	749 SLR		Volume: 1524

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	873-872	Jan	905-900
Jul	883 SLR	Mar	908-902
Sep	885-883	May	915 SLR
Nov	897-894		Volume: 1251

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	296.0-92.5
Spot 295.0		May	298.5-94.5
Aug	304.5-03.0	Aug	303.0-97.5
Oct	298.0-95.0	Oct	296.8-88.5
Dec	297.0-93.0		Volume: 129

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.78	132.18	140.03
(+/-)	+0.90	-1.86	-2.84
Eng/Wales:	87.66	132.48	138.30
(+/-)	+1.39	-1.74	-3.04
(%)	+5.9	-3.8	-1.1
Scotland:	93.55	126.71	144.32
(+/-)	-0.40	-3.65	-1.97
(%)	-18.5	+18.4	+7.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	114.8	114.8	Jul	unq	unq
Jun	108.0	108.0		Volume: 38	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	141.40
Jun	141.90
Sep	108.20
Nov	110.20
Jan	113.15
	Volume: 296

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	136.40
Sep	106.50
Nov	109.65
Jan	111.95
Mar	113.95
	Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	142.30
Aug	142.00
Oct	145.60
Dec	148.80
Feb	unq
	Volume: 0

POTATO

£/t	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	92.0	92.0
May	98.0	98.0
		Volume: 32

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jun 57.25-57.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With supply currently far outweighing demand, levels turned lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.90	-0.15
Brent 15 day (May)	18.95	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.10	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.40	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.55	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	215 (-1)	218 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	183 (-3)	184 (-3)
Non EEC 1H May	182 (-3)	183 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	179 (-2)	180 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	74 (n/c)	76 (-1)
Naphtha	183 (-1)	185 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	180.25-80.50	Aug	177.50-77.75
Jun	177.75-78.00	Sep	178.75 BID
Jul	176.50-76.75	Oct	181.50-81.75
			Vol: 20205

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.08-19.09	Sep	19.19-19.23
Jul	19.06-19.08	Oct	unq
Aug	19.13-19.15		Vol: 30057

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	205.50-06.00	Aug	unq
Jun	206.50-07.00	Sep	unq
Jul	205.00-07.50		Vol: 187

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

May 93	High: 1578	Low: 1570	Close: 1578
Jun 93	1470	1460	1468
Jul 93	1314	1310	1310
Oct 93	1408	1408	1407

Vol: 76 lots Open int's: 3094 Index 1573 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1149.0-1149.5	1167.0-1167.5	153872
Lead (£/tonne)	260.25-260.75	275.75-276.00	73575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1011.0-1012.0	1031.0-1032.0	339675
Tin ($/tonne)	5610.0-5615.0	5660.0-5665.0	11545
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1128.0-1129.0	1151.5-1152.0	759650
Nickel ($/tonne)	5945.0-5955.0	6020.0-6022.0	50970

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Small gains at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 10. Dealings end May 21. §Contango day May 24. Settlement day June 1. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Strs	
2	Wassall	Industrial	
3	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Strs	
4	Wessex Water	Water	
5	Bank Scotland	Banks,Disc	
6	Cater Allen	Banks,Disc	
7	Westbury	Building,Rds	
8	Nail Express	Transport	
9	Barclays	Banks,Disc	
10	Kleinwort Ben	Banks,Disc	
11	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
12	Body Shop	Drapery,Strs	
13	Dawson	Textiles	
14	Berisford Intl	Foods	
15	Domino	Electrical	
16	Fairway Group	Paper,Print	
17	Tiphook	Transport	
18	Westpac	Banks,Disc	
19	Fyffes	Foods	
20	Fairline Boats	Leisure	
21	Northumbrian	Water	
22	Gestetner	Industrial	
23	Hepworth	Industrial	
24	Cairn Energy	Oils, Gas	
25	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
26	Bett Bros	Building,Rds	
27	Leeds	Textiles	
28	Williams Hldg	Industrial	
29	AAH	Industrial	
30	Smart (J)	Building,Rds	
31	Liberty Life	Insurance	
32	Swire Pacfc 'A'	Industrial	
33	Rothmans 'B'	Tobaccos	
34	Perkins Food	Foods	
35	BAA	Transport	
36	Bk Of Ireland	Banks,Disc	
37	Gt Western Res	Oils, Gas	
38	BPB Ind	Building,Rds	
39	Cranswick	Foods	
40	Land Sec	Property	
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£1,000 MATCH THE SHARES

If you have ticked off your eighth share in our Match The Shares game today, claim your prize by telephoning 0254 53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm (see the *Sunday Times* for full details)

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
411	345	Abbey Ntl	409	-1	11.5	3.5	15.6
255	179	Allied Irish	240	+4	...	4.7	12.3
176	130	Aus New Z	173	+8	...	5.2	...
3806½	2793¾	Bankamerica	3012½	+18½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	230	+7	...	5.2	36.8
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	137 †	+6	4.5	4.2	∞
464	362	Barclays	430	+6	15.1	4.4	∞
2¾	2	Benchmark	2¾	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
487	395	Cater Allen	487	+4	26.0	6.7	...
122	85	Cattles	122	+2	...	4.3	16.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1931½	+18½	...	...	...
3043¾	1343¾	Citicorp	1793¼	+37½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	338	+4	...	3.5	15.0
£125¼	9275	Commerzbk	£111¼	-87½	...	3.5	...
£304½	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£276	-200	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	72	+1	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1225	+7	...	0.4	66.0
460	343	Gerrard Nat	460	+2	21.0	5.2	...
654	490	HSBC	587	+2½	19.0	4.0	∞
634	474	HSBC HK	575	+3	19.0	4.1	∞
356	243	Hambros	342	+1	13.8	5.0	15.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
140	96	King Shaxson	140	+2	5.0	4.5	...
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	389	+3	16.0	5.1	13.5
573	492	Lloyds	528	+5	18.4	4.4	15.1
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	425	+6	...	4.8	14.7
485	398	Nat West	465	+6	17.5	4.7	28.2
350	270	Provident	350	...	11.4	4.1	15.2
47	39	Rea Bros	42	+1	0.5	1.5	44.6
278	207	Ryl Bk Scot	278 †	+10	8.8	4.0	...
987½	467½	Schroders	943 †	-13	...	1.5	18.8
758	576	Stand Chart	722	-6	20.0	3.5	...
195	145½	TSB	177	-1	6.4	4.5	...
139	79	Union Disc	139	+1	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	664	-3	18.0	3.4	19.7
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	224	+1½	...	3.3	...
7850	4843¾	Wells Fargo	6793¾	+12½	...	1.5	...
170	121	Westpac	170	+6	...	4.5	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	560	-1	20.0	4.5	13.0
647	528	Bass	541	+1	18.9	4.4	11.8
273	189	Boddington	273	+1	7.3	3.3	15.9
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	397	...	9.0	2.8	18.3
159	120	Burtonwd Brw	150	...	4.4	3.7	10.9
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	...	7.8	3.3	16.9
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
68½	52	Fosters Brewing	53	+1	...	5.1	7.3
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	378	...	...	2.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	430	-2	12.3	3.6	14.2
427	388	Greenalls Grp	427	+9	11.7	3.4	14.1
563	505	Greene King	549	...	11.6	2.6	14.3
516	440	Guinness	475	-3	...	3.1	16.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	243	...	7.9	4.1	13.5
113	108	Heavitree▲	110	...	3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	95	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
290	255	Highland Distl	285	-1	6.0	2.6	18.9
3125	2538	Holt J	2913 †	+13	41.0	1.8	∞
56	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	269	+2	7.0	3.3	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162	...	0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	388	+13	8.8	2.8	12.2
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Mrston Thmp	241	+4	4.9	2.5	14.1
435	410	Mathew Clark	411	...	15.7	4.8	12.3
300	255	Mrydwn W	260	...	...	3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
990	753	SA Breweries	753	-15	...	3.3	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	472	+1	16.1	4.3	12.9
223	161	Taunton Cider	213	...	...	2.8	19.9
248	213	Vaux Group	245	-2	9.3	4.8	16.7
282	225	Wetherspoon JD	282	...	...	2.1	22.8
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	504½	-1½	16.9	4.2	14.2
1180	950	-do- 'B'	868	-7	16.0	2.4	24.4
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	573	+2	11.4	2.5	16.1
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton▲	16	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen▲	98	...	...	6.4	10.8
99	65	Amec	95	-1	3.0	3.9	∞
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6½	...	...	...	...
199	155	Ashtead▲	199	...	4.1	2.6	24.7
142	108	Attwoods	122	...	5.0	5.2	17.4
238	180	BPB Ind	236	+5	...	4.0	60.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	+1	3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcon	85	...	1.2	1.8	15.4
147	94	Barratt Devs	145	...	2.0	1.7	16.1
412	305	Bellway	394 †	...	...	3.8	22.8
32	15	Bellwinch	27	...	...	...	...
423	395½	Berkeley Gp	410	+8	...	1.8	28.3
66	45	Bett Bros	66	+5	...	...	2.7
49	36	Blockleys	47	...	1.0	2.7	∞
257	189	Blue Circle	254	+2	11.2	5.5	∞
282	230	Boot (Henry)	280 †	...	5.9	2.6	15.7
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	+1	4.0	6.1	22.7
105	82	Br Dredging	105	+2	5.2	6.2	23.3
75	45	Brit Fittings	69 †	...	1.5	2.7	...
149	99	Bryant	146	-1	4.8	4.1	31.2
75	53	CALA	74	...	2.3	...	...
268	205	CRH	268	+11	...	3.4	17.0
43	22	Cairnbread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
39	23	Costain	34	-1	...	...	...
136	90	Countryside	133	...	4.1	3.9	35.1
63	38	Crest Nicholson	57	+1	0.0	...	...
76	28	Cussins	76	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
238	178	Epwin	225 †	...	6.8	3.8	∞
48	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group▲	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
58	34	Evered Bardon	56	-1	2.0	4.5	26.3
6½	4½	Explaurus▲	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	134 †	...	...	4.7	21.3
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
788	695	Gleeson (MJ)	788 †	+3	12.7	2.0	12.8
118½	90	Hewden-Stuart	118½	+½	3.2	3.4	∞
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	2.6	...	49.8
280	186	Heywd Wlm	268	+6	12.5	5.9	...
85	37	Higgs & Hill	72 †	...	2.5	4.3	∞
35	27	How Gp	30 †	...	1.5	6.3	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	69 †	...	1.0	1.8	...
22	14½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	264	-1	9.0	4.3	∞
83	55	Ln Clydeside▲	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21	...	...	...	9.5
307	240	Manders	306	...	9.0	3.7	18.7
143	93	Marley	139	+1	4.2	3.8	40.8
95	61	Marshalls	95	...	...	7.4	28.4
153	122	Maunders (J)	151	...	4.9	4.0	14.0
190	96	Mcalpine (A)	189	...	6.5	4.3	32.7
35	23	McCarthy & S	32	-2	0.5	...	...
358	272	Meyer Intl	358 †	+6	...	3.5	38.4
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4	...	...	...	...
125	62	Mowlem (J)	125	...	4.0	4.0	...
78	51	NSM	56	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
154	106	Newman Tnks	154	+2	...	6.5	20.6
287	197	Persimmon	287	+4	8.6	3.7	29.3
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
119	80	Prowting	119	+1	3.4	3.6	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti▲	3½	-½	...	...	...
702	555	RMC Gp	700	+15	20.0	3.6	∞
117	90	Raine Ind	96	+2	6.0	7.8	16.0
36	20	Ransom▲	20	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	493	-3	25.0	6.3	28.7
75	64	Roskel	68	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
271	207	Rugby Group	271	+1	6.4	3.0	∞
40	23	Swrld-Rvea▲	40 †	...	...	...	...
106	68	Sharpe & Fisher	106	...	4.0	4.7	∞
172	110	Sheffield Ind	171	...	5.4	3.9	27.6
96	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorto▲	75	...	...	8.7	∞
228	205	Smart (J)	208	+3	8.5	5.1	9.5
6½	4½	Starmin	5	...	0.3	7.5	6.0
142	103	Tarmac	126 †	+1	5.5	5.5	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	109	+1	1.0	1.1	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	529	...	33.0	8.1	∞
25	19	Torex Hire▲	24	...	...	2.1	...
221	168	Travis Perkins	215 †	-1	8.0	4.7	∞
38	30	Try Group	36½	+½	1.0	3.4	10.3
28	26	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	58	...	3.6	7.8	10.7
56	30	Ward Hldgs	54	+2	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	+3	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	427 †	...	10.7	3.1	18.4
14	8	Westol▲	13	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	138	+3	...	4.4	...
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451	...	8.7	2.4	30.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	193 †	...	3.9	2.5	∞
184	107	Wimpey G	180	+2½	5.2	3.6	∞
47	25	YRM	46	...	4.0	...	5.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	603	+13	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	66 †	...	...	6.6	8.1
50	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	175	+2	5.3	3.8	∞
108	84	BET Ord	104	+1	...	7.8	15.2
83	41	BNB Res	83	...	4.9	7.4	∞
318	258	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	235	Barbour Index	235	...	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Boustead	21 †	...	0.7	4.2	∞
236	184	Bris Data Mgt	232	+1	...	2.2	19.3
14	11	Broadcastle▲	14	...	...	...	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	67	+2	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	169	...	...	1.6	8.8
40	31	Cashet Plc	38½	+1	0.5	1.6	14.7
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	-1	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	43	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec.	278	+3	...	1.3	30.7
45	18	Comac▲	44 †	+5	...	4.3	∞
18½	6½	Corp Services	17½	+½	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	216 †	-1	...	4.3	∞
104	85	EW Facta▲	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
27½	11	Gardiner	27½	+2	0.6	3.0	19.1
44	20	Gardner (DC)	40	...	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	232	+1	4.6	2.5	22.8
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
171	127	Hoch Whamp	171	+1	...	2.8	∞
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£100½	+59½	...	1.1	14.1
637	532	Inchcape	583	-8	...	2.9	19.7
863	669	Johnson Clean	825	...	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2½	Lep	8	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.1	18.7
279	217	Pennant▲	270	-3	...	0.9	68.4
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	96 †	-1	12.0	15.6	∞
423	374	RCO	374	-1	12.8	4.6	12.8
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
90	43	Reed Executive	88	-2	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Secs▲	114	...	...	4.9	11.5
238	194	Rentokil	195	-4	2.3	1.5	26.3
278	240	Rotle & Nolan	261	...	6.2	3.0	17.5
399	343	Salvesen (C)	379	+6	7.0	2.3	21.0
35	29	Scot Pickford▲	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	187	...	9.4	6.3	9.9
6	5	Select Appt▲	5½	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	983	...	14.0	1.8	27.2
352	252	Sherwd Cmpt▲	282 †	...	...	3.1	∞
130	91	Sketchley	95	-2	3.0	4.0	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
26	14	Wills Gp	25	-½	...	0.5	34.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	225	...	3.9	2.2	17.9
759	613	Amersham	668	+4	12.5	2.3	24.8
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	8850	+75	...	7.9	...
281	221	BTP	281	+11	9.3	4.6	20.5
£119	£102¼	Bayer DM50	£103½	+46½	...	5.5	...
176	134	Blagden	176	+3	9.5	6.7	19.0
165	137	Brent Chems	140	...	7.4	6.6	∞
530	425	Br Bio-Tech	430	...	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	23½	...	1.3	7.1	∞
153	126	Cunning (W)	127	...	7.2	7.2	14.6
608	553½	Courtaulds	557	-1	13.0	2.9	15.1
281	228	Croda	270	-1	7.75b	3.6	∞
146	121	Doeflex	137	...	4.6	4.2	10.5
202	175	Ellis & Everard	197	-1	7.0	4.5	18.0
28	15½	Euro Colour	24½	-½	0.6	3.3	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
237	194	Hickson	236	...	8.0	4.2	∞
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9525	+25	...	4.0	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	...	...	2.2	19.7
1297	1048	ICI	1263	-21	55.0	5.4	31.4
668	581	Laporte	628	-2	19.5	3.9	∞
223	182	Leigh	181	...	7.8	5.4	14.8
19½	8	MTM	8½	...	...	...	...
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1675	+37½	...	1.7	∞
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	16.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	287	...	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Porvair	210	+1	3.6	2.1	22.5
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	9	+½	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	439	-3	16.0	4.6	17.6
490	395	Wistnhlme R	445	...	17.0	4.8	15.2
398	368	Yorks Chem	395	-3	...	2.4	21.2
306	240	Yule Catto	298	-1	5.9	2.6	∞

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	85	...	3.0	4.4	...
87	42	Amber Day	77	...	3.1	5.1	20.8
319	257	Argos Plc	294½	-4½	...	3.0	20.2
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	98	+3	0.1	0.1	∞
305	278	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	233 †	...	3.0	2.7	∞
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	140 †	...	6.0	5.4	∞
121	97	Bentalls	109 †	-1	1.9	2.2	...
226	208	Betterware	266	-1	...	0.6	36.6
34	22	Blacks Leis	32	+4	3.3	...	6.6
227	133	Body Shop	198	+3	1.6	1.0	22.9
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	+½	...	0.6	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	344	+2	7.0	2.6	∞
84	64½	Burton	81½	-1½	...	3.1	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	146	-2	4.2	3.6	17.6
247	212	Coats Viyella	233	-1	...	3.9	25.6
106	78	Colourvision▲	86	...	...	...	14.5
501	374	Courts Furnish	501	-3	5.0	1.2	25.1
155	115	Crown Eye▲	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	98	+3	...	3.5	∞
65	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	63	...	1.0	2.0	20.2
281	194½	Dixons Grp	218	+5	6.0	3.4	25.6
405	320	Dunhill	398	-2	7.7	2.4	13.8
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.3	16.2
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
238	203	Etam	237	-1	6.9	3.7	21.3
562	499	Fine Art Dev	546	...	11.0	2.5	21.0
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn▲	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci▲	42	...	2.0	...	8.4
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
46	23	Goldsmiths Gp	46	...	0.3	0.8	∞
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1628	-5	40.0	3.1	13.0
40	34	Hampden Grp▲	35	...	...	3.6	17.3
277	82	Harstone	89	-6	4.8	6.8	5.4
25½	20	Helene Plc	20½	...	2.0	12.3	∞
42	29	Heritage▲	41	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle▲	61	-1	...	2.0	8.6
192	128	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	6.7	∞
93	63	Jacques Vert	84	-1	2.0	...	...
605	496	Kingfisher	599	+4	...	2.9	16.9
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66½	...	4.0	7.5	13.7
685	495	Liberty	645 †	...	7.2	1.4	∞
320	265	Lloyds Chem	307	+2	5.5	2.2	12.0
152	120	MFI	140	...	...	3.3	18.7
360	311	Marks Spencer	350	+2	7.1	2.5	21.3
502	445	Menzies (John)	502	+4	10.0	2.5	16.7
175	135	Moss Bros	167 †	...	5.5	4.1	∞
174	139½	Next	158½	...	2.5	2.0	∞
34	15	Oliver (G)	34	+3	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	214	...	...	5.6	13.9
63	45	Pentos	51½	-½	1.5	3.7	10.6
313	255	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	30.2
41½	11	Ramers Group	35	-5	2.4	8.6	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	29½	...	...	...	...
135	120	Rosebys	138	...	...	4.0	16.2
174	137	Sherwood Gp	165	...	2.6	2.0	∞
108	93	Sears	102½	...	3.5	4.3	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	458	-7	13.4	3.7	16.1
14½	4½	Specialeyes▲	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	206½	-5½	5.0	3.0	...
191	148	T & S Stores	155	+2	5.8	4.8	11.5
133	71	Tie Rack	127	+1	...	1.0	20.6
213	160	Time Products	195	+2	7.5	4.8	19.1
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	91	...	...	6.9	7.2
45	27	Vivat	34	+½	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	35	Wensum▲	36 †	...	...	6.3	∞
117	78	Wickes	107	-1	...	...	47.5
80	45	Wid of Leather▲	50	...	...	...	∞
195	146	Wyevale▲	195	...	...	2.6	∞
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	154	-2	4.5	3.7	15.2
238	223	Acal▲	228	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Compt▲	87	+4	...	...	44.1
480	385	Admiral	438	...	5.4	1.5	18.5
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphametric	38	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	33	-½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo▲	73	...	...	...	...
18	13	Arlen	18	-2	...	...	...
53½	39½	Astec	53	...	...	...	...
290	250	Beales Hunter	275	+6	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	3¾	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	364	+1	19.2	6.6	24.7
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland▲	1613	+13	...	...	...
310	274	Bowthorpe	305	...	6.3	2.6	∞
445½	376	BT	409½	-4	14.4	4.5	14.9
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	141	+1	5.7	5.1	22.3
760	669	Cable Wireless	701	...	13.2	2.4	21.6
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro▲	251	+1	...	2.4	16.5
105	74	Comptr People	105	-1	0.6	0.8	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	146	+2½	...	0.4	11.0
326	243	Critchley	316	...	...	2.4	22.4
119	86	Dale	106	...	5.1	6.0	10.3
539	414	Delta	533	-11	14.0	3.5	∞
298	205	Denmans El▲	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	518	+4	7.3	1.7	17.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	57	-1	2.5	5.5	18.7
1040	805	Druck▲	1040	...	...	1.1	26.3
411	359	Electrocompnts	388	...	7.0	2.3	21.0
575	470	El Data Prt	535	-3	5.1	1.1	15.2
86	43	Electron House	81	...	2.3	3.6	24.7
26	10½	Emess	26	+2	0.1	0.5	∞
587	442	Eurotherm	580	...	8.0	1.7	26.4
135	108	FKI	134½	...	2.3	2.1	26.0
391	340	Farnell Elect	373 †	-1	6.2	2.1	∞
51	33	Feedback▲	50	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	-½	...	...	...
195	101	Fiust Tech	192	...	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp▲	235	...	...	1.6	∞
21	16½	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
328½	264	GEC	314	-1	9.6	3.8	16.6
182	132	Graseby	164	-1	10.9	8.3	∞
39	34	Hitclare▲	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
149	83	INSTEM▲	140 †	+4	...	2.6	10.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	373	...	8.0	2.7	16.2
10	8	Kembrey	9	...	0.3	3.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	310	...	...	3.0	16.4
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	152	...	...	...	7.6
203	100	Kode	182	...	5.5	3.8	21.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	58	-2	...	...	∞
365	122	LBMS▲	339	+5	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	135	Life Sciences	135	...	3.5	3.3	14.6
227	164	Logica	226	...	3.6	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Inds▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	181	MR Data Mngmt	181	...	4.3	3.0	17.3
673	523	Macro 4	650	...	...	2.5	21.6
630	527	Memvier-Sw▲	595	+1	...	1.9	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2418	+58	...	...	22.3
227	188	Microgen	192	-1	7.2	4.7	13.1
34½	27½	Microvitec▲	27	-1½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	476	...	6.1	1.6	21.7
170	98	Mitel	170	+10	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compt▲	114	...	...	3.9	14.3
27	18	Molynx	18	-½	...	9.0	1.7
272	202	MTL Inst▲	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Multitone Elect	123	-5	3.0	3.0	15.1
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5300	NYNEX	5437½	+50	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	38	Norbain▲	113	...	...	1.1	16.9
75	20	Northamber	68	-3	0.5	0.9	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	245	...	4.3	2.2	16.5
83	48	P-E Intern'l	82	...	1.0	1.5	...
75	29	P & P	71	...	1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	74 †	...	3.4	5.7	19.3
190	115	Pegasus▲	168	+1	...	4.8	42.6
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000 †	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	1012½	+12½	...	...	...
452	343	Pilko	449	...	7.7	2.2	38.0
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	429	...	7.7	2.3	36.3
96	65	Plasmec▲	65	...	...	7.5	∞
104	76	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
136	103	Psion▲	131	...	...	2.4	34.8
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10 #	...	...	...	...
224	160	Racal Elect	202	+1	1.5	0.9	23.9
60	45	Radamec	56 †	...	1.0	3.3	∞
70	43	Radius▲	67	+5	...	5.0	23.1
92	61	Real Time▲	82	-2	...	4.6	7.5
29	18	Riva▲	24	...	...	...	...
620	488	Sage Gp	583 †	...	9.0	1.9	18.7
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Schbles Grp	119	+1	5.0	5.3	23.4
330	220	Sema Gp	297	+2	2.8	1.2	24.0
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2637½	1737½	TDK	2337½	+34½	...	1.2	23.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	14½	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	142	+2	0.6	0.5	49.5
899	809	THORN EMI	828	-3	30.1	4.5	21.3
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	75	Total Systems▲	84	+2	2.2	3.3	15.0
429	372	Tunstall	405	...	6.0	1.9	18.2
256	164	Unitech	241	+5	5.8	3.0	42.2
11½	6	Verity▲	8	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec▲	29½	...	...	1.3	25.1
434	387	Vodafone	417	+1½	...	1.7	20.5
441	368	Volex	376	+7	...	5.7	19.1
22	11	Western Selectn	19	-1	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	451	...	17.1	4.7	8.7
496	399	Eastern Elec	461	-1	16.7	4.5	11.4
356	304	Hydro-Elect	334	+7	10.1	3.8	11.8
500½	404	London Elect	496	+2	16.8	4.6	8.8
549	458	Manweb	518	+2	18.3	4.4	7.5
514	434½	Midlands Elec	474	+1	17.2	4.5	10.0
549	440	Northern Elec	497	+1	18.5	4.7	7.4
544	439	Norweb	499	-2	17.7	4.4	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	314½	+5	10.1	4.0	11.7
529	436	Seeboard	494	+4	17.2	4.4	8.9
571	469	Sth Wales	523	+1	19.4	4.6	8.3
532	426	Sth Western	483	+2	17.4	4.5	8.7
496	406	Southern Elec	461	...	16.6	4.5	9.1
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	514	+2	17.7	4.3	9.5
354½	273	National Powr	335	+5	9.1	3.4	11.1
353	273	PowerGen	344	+5	...	3.8	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	-1	0.5	...	32.6
75	47	BWD▲	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	∞
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	245	...	10.2	5.2	17.4
91	71	Flextech▲	87	...	...	...	8.6
303	155	Goveit	283	+3	...	5.3	8.8
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3	LIT	3½	+½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaitng▲	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	48	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Brs	272	...	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rutland Tst	21	...	0.8	4.8	∞
330	255	S & U	273	+4	10.0	4.7	∞
67	48	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	∞
938	738	Sothebys	750	-13	...	5.0	...
106	83	SIP Capital	103	+1	3.0	3.6	16.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1497½	Amer Express	1800 †	+12½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	218	...	6.7	3.8	29.7
978	835	Henderson Ad	905	...	41.0	5.7	19.9
121	92	Invesco MIM	111	...	3.0	3.4	∞
218	164	Jardine Strat	187½	...	...	3.9	9.2
194	154	MAI	181	-2	6.0	4.1	13.2
469	389	MAM	466	-2	11.5	3.1	18.6
799	633	M & G	787	...	20.0	3.2	30.9
225	115	Smith New Crt	218	+1	4.5	2.6	8.7
79	55	Trio Hldgs	79	+1	...	4.7	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	480	-1	14.0	3.7	10.8
77½	53	ASDA Group	67½	-1½	...	3.0	21.8
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	207	+2	6.5	3.9	12.0
76	55	Albert Fisher	65 †	-2	3.7	7.2	10.8
407	318	Argyll	332	+2	9.7	3.7	13.1
25	12	Ashley Group	18	...	...	3.9	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	∞
230	160	Banks (S C)	230	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	374	...	6.5	2.2	18.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	63	...	...	5.7	14.2
135	112½	Berisford Intl	135	+7	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	372	-1	...	7.3	13.2
50	35	Borthwick	45½	...	1.1	3.0	31.7
488	430	Brake Bros	484	...	6.2	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	47	...	...	...	16.0
511	442	Cadbury-Schw	449	+6	...	3.7	16.7
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick▲	189	+4	...	5.0	14.0
20	8½	Cullens	14½	+½	0.5	4.3	7.8
384	168	Dalepak	192	+1	6.0	3.9	8.7
491	433	Dalgety	437	-1	19.5	5.6	12.7
51	27	Daniels S	51	...	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	129	-2	...	3.4	17.8
295	289	Farepak▲	290	-2	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	78	Finlay (James)	89	+6	4.1	5.8	16.7
125	78	Fyffes	110	+5	...	1.4	18.3
403	328	Geest	396 †	+16	8.1	2.6	∞
12	7	Global▲	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	194	-3	6.1	3.9	11.8
171	131	Hillsdown	159	...	...	6.9	12.5
750	616	Iceland Frozen	683	+15	10.0	1.8	20.3
131	111	JLI Group	115	...	4.5	4.9	16.6
853	731	Kwik Save	781 †	+2	18.0	2.6	15.0
262	203	Low (Wm)	205 †	...	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	54	+1	2.2	5.2	35.4
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14	...	1.1	10.0	33.5
174	149	Morrison (W)	150	...	...	0.7	19.5
538	443	Nichols (JN)	508	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	255	+3	...	3.9	14.0
22	14	Nrthmbrn Fs▲	15	+1	...	...	6.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	208	-1	6.1	3.8	∞
247	205	Park Foods	235	+1	3.2	1.7	28.1
115	83	Perkins Food	113	+3	4.4	4.8	∞
96½	47	PizzaExpress	75	...	...	0.8	43.1
3½	1½	Regina Hlth▲	3½	...	...	...	...
584	449	Sainsbury J	481	+13	8.7	2.3	17.9
68	33	Senty Farm▲	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	172	...	11.2	8.2	9.3
439	380	Tate & Lyle	388 †	+6	12.0	3.9	13.2
273	216	Tesco	216	-5	7.1	4.1	∞
211	167	Thorntons	171	...	3.6	2.7	15.9
183	101	Treat▲	175	...	...	2.6	20.0
375	300	Unigate	353	-12	15.3	5.4	12.6
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	425	-9	...	4.5	22.0
25	21	Usborne	21 †	...	0.4	2.4	12.9
357	248	Watson & Phil	306	+2	13.3	5.4	16.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Ha▲	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	∞
209	170	Forte	190½	-½	7.5	4.8	∞
199	155	Friendly Hotels	167	+1	5.7	4.4	∞
9	6½	Harmony Leis▲	7½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	108	+3	...	5.6	12.7
215	154	Ladbroke	161	+1	...	8.7	21.2
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	72	+2	...	4.4	∞
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.5
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	44½	...	3.4	9.7	8.7
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	-½	...	7.6	10.8
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	49½	+1	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	198	...	...	5.6	12.1
616	478	AAH	484	+6	16.3	4.2	15.4
172	140	AIM	141	...	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	106	-2	5.4	6.4	∞
233	181	ASW	230	-3	6.0	3.3	...
157	124	AGwest	157	+2	7.0	5.6	22.3
21½	10	Aerospace Eng	21½	+½	1.0	...	13.1
484	434	Airsprung	484	+9	7.5	1.9	13.4
138	113	Alendra W	138 †	+2	3.8	3.4	∞
13½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
529	415	Alumasc	520	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	31	...	1.0	4.0	6.4
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	31	...	...	4.0	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	125	...	4.4	4.1	77.1
893	703	Antofagasta	842 †	-4	...	2.4	∞
50½	37	Armour	44	-½	1.4	4.2	12.9
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
535	445	Avon Rubber	509	-31	...	4.2	19.6
235	168	Assoc Nursg▲	216	...	...	...	8.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	666 †	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	40	+2	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	...	...	6.0	∞
51	28	BLP Group▲	51	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	25	...	5.0	...	1.1
770	671	BOC	671	-7	23.2	4.3	14.7
79½	62	BSG	62½	...	...	6.4	∞
465	353	BSS Group	465	...	...	4.6	18.6
621	530	BTR	590	...	...	3.8	19.4
221	188	BWI	193	...	6.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	35	...	3.1	...	7.3
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	258	+1	8.9	4.3	17.9
1062½	566½	Barlow Rand	606½	+18½	...	8.7	3.4
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	60	+2	1.4	3.0	∞
15	5	Beauford	7	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham▲	7½	...	...	...	...
34	13	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27½	10½	Benson Group	20½	...	0.1	0.6	18.9
707	541	Bespak	545	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	124	-3	9.7	10.4	6.0
300	120	Billam (J)	224	...	5.0	2.8	∞
33½	21½	Bliston Barses▲	32	...	...	...	...
11½	6½	Blmec Ind	9½	+½	0.6	...	...
158	12½	Birkby	130	...	...	0.8	...
44	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	173	+4	2.9	2.1	17.8
196	129	Bluebird Toys▲	186	+2	...	3.0	11.6
587	494	Bodycote	565	+1	10.0	2.2	∞
563	431	Boots	430	...	...	3.8	16.5
61	45	Booth Inds	51	+1	3.2	7.8	5.3
517	435½	Bowater	469	-4	11.5	3.1	18.5
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1385 †	-16	...	...	...
248	190	Boxmore Intl▲	241	+2	...	1.9	18.0
19	12½	Braeway	15½	...	0.5	4.7	20.0
268	204	Brammer	255	...	13.0	6.4	∞
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	-½	1.2	...	7.7
100	64	Bridon	92	+3	4.0	5.6	∞
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	68	...	4.1	7.5	12.8
40	31	Brierley Inv	35	+1	...	9.1	8.6
306	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	49	...	...	...	...
504	417	Br Polythene	504	+3	...	2.5	18.1
97	54	Br Steel	94½	-½	...	1.3	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.3	...
268	216	Br Vita	232	+1	7.1	3.9	14.3
13	6½	Britton Grp	11½	+½	0.0	0.3	...
730	585	Broken Hill	639	+12	...	2.9	30.3
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	101	-1	4.0	5.0	13.0
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	107	...	6.0	7.1	18.3
26	16	Business Tech▲	16	-1	...	...	19.3
28	17	CI Group	25	...	1.0	5.0	∞
25	15	Campbll & Arm	16	+½	2.0	...	...
25	6½	Cannon St	24½	+4½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	228	...	10.5	5.8	14.5
228	178	Carclo Eng	210	-13	...	5.1	17.6
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2388	...	...	2.8	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	641	+5	21.5	4.2	15.4
270	220	Chemring	259	+1	...	3.9	15.6
92	69	Chieftain Gp▲	69	-2	5.1	9.2	14.8
30	17	Chillington	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
188	144	Christies Int	177	...	1.5	1.1	∞
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Communiky H	181	...	6.5	4.5	11.3
246	186½	Concentric	218	-2	...	3.2	17.5
177	120	Cook (Wm)	174	+12	10.0	...	11.6
215	182	Cookson	202	-1	...	3.7	∞
45	38	Copymore▲	43	...	...	2.9	∞
238	173	Crowll Ptr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	160	Creighton Nt▲	173	+3	...	5.1	12.5
44	27	CrestaCare	43	+1	0.5	1.5	∞
3456½	2993½	Dana	3243½	+43½	...	...	...
770	314	Danka Bs Sys	735	-35	3.7	0.6	22.6
16	5	Davies (DY)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	677	-7	15.0	2.8	20.7
25	16	Dinkie Heel	20	...	0.9	5.9	15.9
481	391	Diploma	450	+4	9.7	2.7	23.4
65	50	Dobson Park	63	...	5.7	11.4	11.3
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	65	...	5.0	9.6	9.3
18	9	EFG▲	14	...	...	...	...
421	368	EIS	368	-1	...	3.9	∞
15½	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½ #	...	...	...	...
28	19	Eibief	25	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	1950	-12½	...	2.9	∞
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	424	Eng China Cl	438	+3	20.0	5.7	∞
2637½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2400	-34½	...	1.2	∞
89	27	Erskine Hse	89	+54	...	3.2	9.3
53	32	Eurocopy	47	+4	1.6	4.3	18.2
80	47	Expamet	77	...	3.2	5.3	∞
635	499	Fairey Group	619	...	10.2	2.1	19.1
95	53	Fenner	82	...	4.2	6.4	15.5
66	33	Ferraris Group▲	66	...	...	1.9	15.1
1½	½	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
40	28	Fife Indmar	40	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	157	Fisons	172	-2	...	6.3	18.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	45	-1	...	11.8	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39 †	...	1.5	4.8	∞
74	58	French (Thomas)	62	...	3.6	7.3	31.1
230	166½	Frost Group	186	...	4.0	2.7	∞
85	71	GEI Intl	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	452	-5	...	5.7	20.2
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
94	79	Garton Eng	92	+1	4.0	5.6	...
160	109	Gestetner	130	+7	8.2	7.9	5.7
36	23	Gieves	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	634	+21	17.0	3.4	17.5
26	16	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	301	+1	11.6	5.0	27.7
100	66	Goode Durrant	100	+5	5.4	6.8	21.2
134	102	Grampian Hd	126	...	5.5	5.5	21.9
406	341	Granada	398	...	7.7	2.4	21.2
359	301	Great Sthrn▲	359	...	...	3.8	14.8
95	78	Green (Ernest)▲	95	...	...	9.2	13.1
14	8½	Greenacre▲	12 †	...	...	2.9	∞
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	11	...	...	...	...
43	30½	Haden MacLn	42	...	2.0	6.1	∞
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	66	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	225	+5	8.6	4.8	18.8
258	215	Halma	224	-1	2.2	1.2	27.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	36	...	2.3	...	9.7
265½	228	Hanson	234	-1½	...	6.1	11.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	213	+1	...	4.0	15.1
186	147	Harrisn Crsfld	172	-3	9.0	6.5	24.8
60	38	Havelock Euro	57	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
391	301	Hepworth	390	+6	14.8	4.8	16.8
225	160	Hewitt (J)	220	...	3.0	1.7	17.2
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	6½	Hobson▲	6½	...	...	...	...
107	87	Holders Tech▲	107	...	...	7.0	∞
44	30	Hopkinsons	42	-1	1.3	3.9	∞
167	138	Hornby▲	139	-2	...	8.1	13.1
13½	6	Hospital Crp	8½	...	...	11.8	2.3
72	54½	Howden	72	+3	...	3.7	11.1
231½	173	Hunting	204	...	...	6.1	∞
1160	808	Huntgh Tec▲	1053	...	...	1.2	∞
295	247	IMI	284	+7	10.0	4.4	∞
108	90	ISA Intl	97	...	1.5	1.9	15.1
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	184	...	...	1.8	19.5
255	235	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	360	Jardine Math	438	+11	...	2.7	∞
537	438	Johnson Mathy	461	-1	9.6	2.6	19.1
64	51	Johnson & FB	51	...	3.0	7.4	15.7
136	104	Johnston	125	...	3.2	3.3	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	50	...	...	...	41.2
178	73	Kalon	174	...	3.2	2.3	∞
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	466	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
125	75	Kleeneze	123	+1	...	...	...
118	61	LGW▲	113	...	3.0	3.3	9.4
303	266	Laird	282	...	10.5	4.5	∞
166	108	Lee (Arthur)	158	+16	...	4.8	65.4
136	110	Lilleshall	132	+4	4.2	4.0	16.3
153	97	Lincat▲	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	18	...	...	...	14.8
128	76	Linread	103	...	3.7	4.6	15.9
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	∞
15	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	1.0	7.4	53.5
274	191	Lon Intl	202	-6	9.4	5.8	13.7
108	70	Lonrho	108	+1	...	4.0	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	331	...	...	3.4	∞
343	283	MB-Caradon	304	+4	8.6	3.6	∞
169½	140½	-do- pf	158	+2½	7.2	5.7	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	+1	1.8	...	20.3
35	27	MS Ind	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	42	...	...	3.0	12.8
283	236	Macfarlane	249	-1	4.7	2.4	24.7
430	379	McKechnie	415 †	+4	14.7	4.4	20.0
106	88	McLeod Russel	97	...	6.0	7.7	11.8
10½	5½	Maddox	9½	...	...	...	...
74	64	Magnolia	64	...	0.1	0.2	10.3
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	-1	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23	-½	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn▲	166	+3	...	3.7	13.9
54	39	Mayflower	52	...	...	3.0	∞
236	191½	Medeva	209	...	...	1.3	17.0
103½	88	Meggitt	97	+1	3.7	4.9	∞
130	111	Metalr	115	+1	4.0	4.3	16.9
76	70	Metoce▲	71	...	...	...	...
77	29	Midstates	71	-3	...	1.3	∞
21½	14	Mining & Ald	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
488	368	Molins	457	...	14.0	3.8	∞
345	262	Morgan Cble	279	+3	12.6	5.8	∞
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	26	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nesor-BNA	52	-1	3.1	7.6	12.4
164	122	Nobo Gp	162	...	3.5	2.7	19.8
174	127½	Norcros	173	+1	7.0	5.1	29.6
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	320	...	...	7.8	8.8
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	23	-1½	1.7	9.5	...
140	133	PCT▲	133	...	...	2.1	∞
48	44	Pacer Systems▲	44	...	...	6.9	...
138	110	Pentland	111	-1	...	2.8	∞
380	310	Photo-Me	357	+1	4.4	1.5	18.2
137	97½	Pilkington	128	-5	6.0	5.9	46.6
32	19	Platon▲	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	72	+1	3.0	5.4	11.0
150	126	Polypipe	144	+1	1.9	1.7	20.8
517	453	Portals	458 †	...	14.5	4.0	∞
32	19	Porter Chadburn	23	...	2.5	13.6	5.7
7½	5½	Porth Gp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	329	...	6.0	2.3	18.6
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.6
54	33½	RFS Group▲	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
96	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	10.6	5.6	22.1
148	77	Ramco Oil▲	122	...	...	2.0	...
744	630	Rank Org	710	-3	31.0	5.5	19.4
33	23	Ransomes	28	...	...	...	...
657	563	Reckitt Colm	579	-1	...	3.5	23.2
77	50	Record	75	...	3.6	6.3	36.7
9½	2½	Reece	5	+½	...	...	...
174	131	Relyon	174	...	4.9	3.3	∞
303	275	Renishaw	294	+2	6.5	2.8	22.5
61	55	Renold	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1271	-3	21.2	2.1	21.0
30	24½	Rexmore	29	+½	1.7	7.5	7.1
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.9
68	58	Richard (Leics)	65 †	...	4.4	8.5	∞
78	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	∞
128	109	Ropner	124 †	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
122	97	-do- 'A'	114 †	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	28	Ross Gp	33	...	0.6	2.5	13.5
448	395	Rotork	445	+1	11.1	3.1	∞
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
26	15	SEP Indl	23½	-½	0.6	3.5	∞
800	625	SKF 'B'	762½	-25	...	...	...
315	222	Sanderson Elec	315	+5	9.0	3.6	13.4
78	39	Savage▲	76	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	210	Scapa	210	-5	5.3	3.2	17.1
238	192	Scholl	210	...	6.3	3.8	∞
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	923	+4	2.6	0.4	35.1
668	562	-do- 'A'	573	-11	2.6	0.6	21.8
565	465	Security Serv	473	+8	5.0	1.3	23.4
100	77	Senior Eng	100	...	3.1	3.9	∞
361	306	Seton Health	338	...	...	1.9	21.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	-1	...	...	...
116	88	Shiloh	107 †	+1	2.9	3.4	∞
361	295	Sidlaw	294	...	10.0	4.2	13.7
501	427	Siebe	463	+10	...	2.5	19.5
305	220	Silentnight	304	...	8.0	3.4	∞
121	102	Sime Darby	109	...	...	3.8	13.4
142	92	Simon Eng	100	+2	5.0	6.3	22.0
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	237	...	7.0	3.7	15.3
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	143	Smith & Nepn	144½	...	...	4.0	19.2
513	389	SmithKline	479 †	-6	8.6	2.2	17.3
450	340	Smithkline Uts	427 †	-7	...	3.1	15.4
394	320	Smiths Ind	337 †	...	11.2	4.2	13.8
140	79	Sthn Bus	82	+1	3.3	5.2	7.8
400	265	Spandex▲	400	+5	...	2.1	∞
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	4.0	3.8	8.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	344	...	9.3	3.4	∞
145	55	Spring Ram	89	+3½	0.3	0.5	∞
270	222	Staveley	223	...	8.2	4.6	12.7
147	126	Sterling Ind	138	...	5.6	5.1	17.3
20	11	Stonehill	17	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	142	...	8.8	7.7	∞
323	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	323	+4	...	2.7	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½	-½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53 †	...	...	9.4	10.1
365	240	Syltone	365	...	9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T & N	175	+1	10.8	7.8	∞
333	279	TI	325	...	...	4.1	20.0
18	12	TLS Range▲	13	...	...	2.5	...
283	218	TT Group	283	...	6.0	2.7	16.9
249	220	Takare	238	...	1.8	0.9	∞
815	618	Takeda Chem	815	+11	...	0.5	21.6
31	24	Tex Hldgs	29	...	...	...	...
94	70	Tinsley (E)▲	92	-1	...	7.1	10.7
225	150	Titon▲	216	...	...	2.1	18.7
271	221	Tomkins	230	-6	...	3.5	16.2
96	67	Trafalgar H	90 †	-1	...	4.5	6.6
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	90 †	-½	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	527	+4	16.0	3.9	13.0
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	181	...	7.0	4.8	16.6
253	221	UniChem	228	+3	5.6	3.1	∞
305	279½	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	9.1
40	11½	Unigroup	40	+2	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1091	-4	21.3	2.4	14.8
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7225	-12½	...	3.0	10.5
725	513	VSEL	725	+35	25.0	4.3	8.3
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
142	95½	Vickers	140	-1	...	1.3	...
367	303	Victaulic	326	...	7.8	3.0	∞
364	283	Vinten	338 †	...	7.0	2.6	∞
532	427	Vosper Thorny	532	...	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	∞
468	410	Wagon Ind	433	+1	...	4.9	16.8
86	71	Walker Greenbk	85	...	3.1	4.7	21.2
244	201	Wassall	244	+5	2.5	1.3	24.6
35	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	32	+½	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	634	...	11.8	2.3	∞
993	698	Wellcome	765	...	13.0	2.1	21.1
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	490	...	9.5	2.4	16.6
353	267	Whessoe	351	...	...	2.8	13.6
10½	4	Wheway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	-½	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	71	...	3.5	6.2	20.7
365	313	Williams Hldg	336	+5	12.5	4.7	17.6
29½	17	Wilshaw	29½	...	0.4	1.8	23.6
630	533	Wolseley	605	-6	12.5	2.6	21.0
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
58	38	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1693½	...	...	3.7	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	1825	+37½	...	3.8	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	34	...	4.4	16.2	16.5
148	122	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
1475	1078	Britannic	1418	+18	33.5	3.0	...
641	561	Com Union	591	+9	...	5.2	...
1450	1325	Dom & Gen	1450	...	...	1.6	24.0
23	18	FAI	23	+3	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	591	+18	26.7	5.7	...
195	160	GRE	182	+2	7.0	4.8	15.1
370	293	Heath C E	318	...	16.0	6.3	18.7
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	...	8.1	5.5	∞
198	164	JIB Group	190	...	7.5	4.9	19.2
493	408½	Legal & Gen	460	+4	...	5.2	64.6
1036	768	Liberty Life	845	+7	...	3.4	14.6
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	443	...	17.3	4.9	15.9
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	274	...	5.6	2.6	20.2
368	274	Londn & Man	343	...	14.2	5.2	∞
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	348	...	12.6	4.5	13.8
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5887½	+68½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	78	...	...	8.0	5.7
68	50½	PWS	60	+1	4.0	8.3	8.7
342	282½	Prudential	319	+1½	...	4.7	21.3
1138	800	Refuge	1028	...	31.5	3.8	28.5
332	258	Royal	312	+1	6.5	2.7	...
183	153	Sedgwick	167	+2	6.0	4.5	20.1
261	205	Steel Burrill	207	...	13.2	8.0	∞
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	50	+1	8.2	20.6	5.1
362	307	Sun Alliance	332	+8	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	58	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	284	...	12.0	5.3	26.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	703	+25	14.5	2.6	∞
208	171	Willis Corroon	180	-3	...	4.6	∞
20	17½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1628	+6	48.0	3.5	∞
260	226½	Amer Trust	234	...	4.9	2.6	48.6
343	304	Ang & O'seas	342	...	6.8	2.5	43.4
136½	124	BZW Conv	134	...	7.8	7.9	14.5
158	133½	Bankers	149	...	3.4	2.9	41.0
298	264	Baring Tribne	274	...	6.4	2.9	43.3
158	131	Berry Starq	157 †	...	2.2	1.8	∞
106½	96½	Br Assets	98½	-1	...	5.5	23.8
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	...	0.8	1.7	67.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	165	...	4.5	3.4	41.4
164	130	Contl Assets	155	...	2.4	1.9	51.6
195	144	Derby Inc	144	...	16.6	14.4	8.7
243	195	-do- Cap	243	+3	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
63	35	-do- Eng Intl	63	+1	1.2	2.4	...
113	84	-do- Far East	111	...	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	101	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	592	-1	25.4	5.4	27.2
582	513	-do- Wwde	568	+1	9.5	2.1	58.5
270	222	Dundee & Lon	247	...	12.0	6.1	22.8
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
54	51½	-do- Div PI	52½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	266	...	8.4	4.0	∞
155	141	Electric Gen	154	...	3.1	2.5	49.0
97	85	English Scot	95	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	244	-1	...	3.1	29.7
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
260	248	Fleming Amer	252	...	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	198	...	...	3.4	39.0
266	212	Do Contl	246	-1	2.7	1.4	∞
171	147	-do- Entp	160	...	4.5	3.4	37.9
278	213	-do- F East	271	-1	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	114½	...	5.8	6.3	19.5
219	136	-do- Japan	213	...	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	251	...	6.7	3.3	∞
251	212	-do- O'seas	240	...	4.0	2.1	57.3
220	203	Foreign & Col	223	-1	3.3	1.9	60.7
210	164	-do- Eurotst	194	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	94	-1	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	253	+2	1.9	1.0	...
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134½	...	...	1.7	68.4
225	145	GT Japan	220	-1	...	0.7	...
118	65	Genl Cons Cap	116	-1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	106	...	...	10.0	10.9
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	118	...	...	...	...
256	194	-do- Oriental	255 †	...	0.9	0.5	∞
246	207	-do- Strategy	239 †	+1	6.7	3.5	33.0
373	340	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.1	55.6
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	124	Inv Cap	124 †	...	5.1	5.1	24.9
92	77	I&S UK Smllr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
183	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	171	...	5.0	3.7	33.3
200	176	-do- O'seas	196	...	3.3	2.1	55.7
126	108	-do- Smlr	115	+1	4.0	4.3	27.9
595	540	Law Debenture	569	...	18.2	4.0	28.4
174	164	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	221	Merchants	238	...	10.6	5.6	22.1
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4625 †	+131½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	405½	+4½	0.7	2.1	56.6
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	118	-1	...	4.9	23.4
37	23	Do Warrants	34	-2	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	305	...	...	4.4	29.0
319	265	-do- Intl	290	...	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	296	...	4.0	1.7	63.8
103	90½	-do- S/C Inc	97 †	...	...	13.7	9.5
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2850 †	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	143½	-½	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	241	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
71	50½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nthrog Inc	78	...	6.7	10.8	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	284	...	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	346	+1	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	249	+1	...	...	...
8200	7050	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
125	100	RIT Cap Prtnr	125	+2	1.1	1.1	56.6
123	108	River & Merc	114½	-½	9.2	10.0	11.4
398	350	Robeco	373	...	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	368	...	...	2.2	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
148½	131	Scot American	138	...	4.3	4.0	28.9
193	136	Scott Asian	193 †	+5	...	...	...
355	225	do Warrants	355	+10	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	70	+½	1.5	2.7	46.0
201	183	Scottish	192	...	4.6	3.0	39.8
201	178	-do- Mrtge	189½	...	4.0	2.7	∞
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1500	1390	Second Allnce	1420	...	36.5	3.2	38.1
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	80 †	...	3.2	5.1	∞
130	109½	Selective Asset	121	...	1.2	1.2	43.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	19½	...	3.1	19.9	6.3
139	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134	...	4.7	4.4	28.1
141	110	TR Pacific	130	-1	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	60.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	162	+2	3.7	2.9	47.4
315	283	Temple Bar	301	...	13.2	5.5	22.7
90	74	Thmsn Asian E	85 †	...	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	65½	...	2.3	4.4	26.7
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	408	+3	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	191	...	4.5	2.9	35.1
92½	76½	Value Inc Tst	92½	...	...	4.9	24.4
598	542	Whitbread Inv	585	...	15.0	3.2	38.8
195	181	Witan	189½	-1½	5.6	3.7	33.2

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	297	+6	7.2	3.1	10.5
60	42	Ald Leis	52	...	4.7	...	14.9
272	194	Anglia TV	271	...	9.2	4.3	∞
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.3	12.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1193 †	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
104	90	Border TV▲	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
16½	4½	Brent Walker	11½	+½	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	5	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	148	+3	12.0	10.1	∞
197	171	Capital Radio	187	...	5.2	3.5	21.8
818	718	Carlton Comm	729	-4	17.0	2.9	21.5
200	158	Castle Comm▲	181	...	...	5.9	16.5
1873	1615	Central TV	1855 †	+2	38.0	2.6	20.2
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	518	-1	12.3	3.0	14.7
350	218	Eurocamp	242	...	9.7	5.0	10.0
1180	710	Euro Disney	835	-5	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	+½	...	...	...
23	18	Ex-Lands	20	+½	...	...	...
340	245	Fairline Boats	340	+8	10.5	3.9	...
378	320	First Leisure	354	-2	6.1	2.2	24.5
515	298	GWR Gp▲	507	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	173 †	...	6.1	4.4	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	46	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	39	...	5.5	...	2.5
12	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	392	...	4.9	1.6	∞
475	327	Man Utd	451	...	18.0	5.0	15.5
148	96½	Owners Abrd	99½	-1½	3.5	4.4	8.0
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde▲	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	-1	...	3.4	21.9
502	431	Scot TV	430	...	9.9	2.8	22.1
60	41	Southern Radio	45	+2	0.7	2.2	18.7
209	168	Stanley Leisure	198	...	...	2.6	16.7
9	5½	Sunleigh▲	7½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
430	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	195	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
78	44	Trans World▲	74	+2	...	1.4	27.0
374	274	Ulster TV	365 †	...	10.0	3.4	11.2
22	13½	Wembley	18	...	0.2	1.4	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	130	Yorkshire TV	163	...	12.0	9.2	4.9
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3650	1800	Am Gold	3550	-96½	...	5.9	∞
1337½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1337½	+37½	...	6.9	6.3
1800	1125	Ang Am	1750	-46½	...	4.0	12.0
18½	8	Anglo Pac Res▲	17	...	...	...	...
101½	33	Blyvoors	93	-3	...	6.6	5.1
30½	18	Bracken	28	+½	...	...	4.4
630	233	Buffels	610	-20	...	6.5	15.0
2	1½	Bume	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	599	+13	...	3.5	∞
23½	11	Cluff Res	21½	-½	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1118½	...	...	4.3	15.1
74	37½	Deelkraal	70	-4	...	8.6	3.8
32	7	Doornfontein	32	...	...	...	...
630	388	Driefontein	610	-20	...	5.5	11.1
350	120	Durban	340	-10	...	...	...
96	47	E Rand Gold	92	...	...	13.0	∞
136	62	E Dagga	136	...	...	...	11.3
222	54	E Rand Prop	220	...	...	...	...
316	117	Elandsrand	290	-26	...	4.3	6.7
639	282	FS Cons	590	-30	...	8.7	∞
34	8	FS Dev	34	+6	...	...	...
1388	725	GFSA	1225	-25	...	3.3	19.2
168	125	Gencor	163 †	-1	...	6.1	12.7
52½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	51½	+1	...	2.7	12.6
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15	...	...	...	...
120	49	Grootvlei	120	...	...	8.6	7.1
267	78	Harmony	266	...	...	...	...
292	87	Harties	292	...	...	...	11.3
14	8½	Inoco▲	9½	...	...	...	...
881	491	Impala Plat	879	...	...	...	19.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	11½	...	...	...	...
715	332	Kinross	715	...	...	7.1	7.8
671	319	Kloof	635	-20	...	2.8	10.7
75	25	Leslie	75	...	...	5.7	7.4
60	13	Loraine	58	...	...	...	...
116½	89	MIM	92½	-3	...	2.5	42.1
1011	820	Minorco	1010	-1	...	3.2	12.0
123½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	110	+1	...	4.5	∞
1662½	610	Orange Free	1662½	...	...	7.9	∞
709	608½	RTZ	612	-3	19.5	4.5	26.7
550	425	Rand Mines	525	...	...	11.2	2.4
133	65	Rand Min Prp	125	+3	...	14.1	5.8
448	150	Randfontein	417	-3	...	4.1	6.3
163	115	Renison	147	+4	...	3.1	14.3
1112½	850	Rustnbrg	1087½	...	...	4.2	17.0
510	191	St Helena	500	-10	...	4.8	10.3
1214	475	Southvaal	1170	...	...	5.0	20.1
78	18	Stilfontein	78	...	...	8.2	13.4
157	58	Unisel	124	...	...	2.5	12.0
3800	1800	Vaal Reefs	3650	-150	...	6.1	6.2
434	154	Welkom	420	-14	...	7.7	13.0
117	26	Western Areas	117	...	...	...	...
1600	587½	Western Deep	1375	-62½	...	4.6	6.3
247	176	Wstrn Mining	228	+4	...	...	...
762	323	Winkels	707	...	...	1.4	5.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	-2	...	...	...
42	18	Zandpan	42	...	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	275 †	...	8.8	4.0	∞
147	120	Bostrom	141	...	6.0	5.3	24.9
338	165	Br Aerospace	325	-3	7.0	2.7	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	+1	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr▲	124	-2	...	4.0	31.5
26	18	Cook (DC)▲	23	...	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	235	...	6.2	3.3	17.0
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	∞
147	106	Davnpn Vern	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	209	+1	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	276	+4	11.2	5.1	42.5
290	226	FR Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	∞
3606½	2843½	Ford Motor	3587½	+37½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2643½	-81½	...	1.9	...
51	38	Gowrings	50	...	2.0	5.0	∞
139	85	Henlys	139	+1	3.0	2.7	...
875	650	Honda Motor	806	+3	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	98	-8	4.5	5.7	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	133	...	3.3	3.1	∞
344	281	Lex Service	329	...	10.6	4.0	∞
117	85	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	143	...	7.0	6.1	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	261	...	...	3.2	21.1
166	106	Perry Gp	163 †	...	6.0	4.6	∞
153	108	Quicks Group	149	...	4.5	3.8	∞
139	99	Rolls-Royce	133½	-1	5.0	4.7	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.6	21.6
183	121	Westland	175	-3	4.2	3.0	15.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	∞
608	488	Blenheim Gp	529	-1	...	2.1	19.6
355	275	Bristol	355	+10	11.5	4.0	25.4
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9075	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	255	+1	...	1.5	24.4
373	328	EMAP	353	-8	...	2.7	23.0
983	873	Euromoney Pb	898	-5	29.5	4.1	20.2
237	170	Harrington K	206	-2	4.5	2.8	16.6
358	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
285	226	Headline	284	-1	4.5	2.0	∞
140	105	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	∞
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	7½	+½	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	510	...	...	4.2	∞
538	395	Johnstne Press	538	+2	6.2	1.5	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletn	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
143	88	Mirror Gp.	138	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	339	+8	...	0.3	22.8
240	169	News Intl	220	...	...	0.6	15.2
449	354	Pearson	436	-7	...	3.4	20.5
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
686	618	Reed Int	658	+9	...	3.2	28.7
146	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
133	90	Sterling Pub▲	133	+1	...	2.3	43.9
370	328	Telegraph	366	...	11.0	3.8	∞
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	-10	25.4	4.1	∞
348	313	Trinity Intl	348	+3	8.7	3.1	20.9
39	34	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspapers	586	+5	...	4.6	14.6

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Petr▲	17½	...	...	...	...
31½	17	Aran Energy	31½	+½	...	...	∞
54	40	Arcon Intl▲	52	+2	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	57	+3	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	60	+3	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	149	...	7.1	6.0	4.5
326	276	British Gas	295½	-½	14.2	6.0	14.3
312½	225	Br Petroleum	309 †	-2	10.5	4.2	48.7
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	727	...	...	4.3	17.7
62	32	Cairn Energy	62	+6	...	...	8.9
268	223	Calor Gp	246	-1	12.0	6.3	∞
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	50	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	31	+3	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs▲	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	486	...	16.0	4.1	60.0
88	55	Exp Co Louis	69	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	31	-½	...	1.8	11.8
67	45	Goal Pet	50	-½	1.4	3.5	9.6
33	18	Gt Western Res	32	+5	...	...	...
156	108	Hardy O & G	155	...	1.0	0.8	48.6
40	18½	Kelt Energy	38	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	147½	+2	3.3	2.8	29.9
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res▲	19	...	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	45½	+½	...	...	...
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
35	27	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Perinx	13	+1	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	104	...	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	27½	...	...	...	9.7
115	50	Presidio	108	...	...	5.3	...
368	290	Ranger	305	+5	...	5.4	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5825	+9½	...	5.5	13.6
4262½	3600	Schlmberger	4100	-46½	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	581	+10	21.9	4.7	17.9
203	185	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo▲	5½	+½	...	...	3.7
41	24	Triton Europe	34	...	...	...	5.4
11	6½	Villiers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	158½	+2½	...	2.3	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
316	249	API	316	+3	7.5	3.0	27.2
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	185	-2	...	4.4	18.3
502	408	Abbott Mead	500	+1	9.3	2.3	∞
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	29	...	1.3	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comm▲	190	+1	...	3.2	17.3
12	7	BBB Designs▲	12	...	...	...	...
330	234½	Bemrose	335 †	...	...	...	...
33	16	Birkdale	16	-2	0.2	1.6	13.5
138	118	Bunzl	129	+1	4.0	3.9	∞
287	257	CIA Gp	257	...	...	2.1	16.2
254	116	Capital Inds	254	+2	4.0	2.0	∞
54	44	City of Lon▲	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (Jmes)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104	...	4.5	5.4	∞
53	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	53	...	...	...	13.7
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
67	41	Fairway Group▲	67	+4	...	5.9	19.8
296	221	Ferguson Intl	296	+2	12.5	5.3	17.0
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.0	∞
107	74	Filofax▲	101	+1	...	0.5	25.2
20	14	Fitch	17½	+½	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	97	-2	...	6.4	19.0
295	247	Gold Greenless	275	+1	...	3.8	22.3
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
84	43	Hunterprint	75	+1	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	185	...	7.4	5.1	12.2
230	191	Jarvis Porter	230	...	4.4	2.4	25.1
27	15½	Lopex	27	...	...	...	...
274	175	More O'Ferrall	265	...	13.2	6.2	∞
85	48	NMC Group	80	...	1.2	...	15.8
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
234	167	Quarto	229 †	...	5.3	2.7	∞
347	319	St Ives Gp	330 †	...	5.2	2.0	22.5
198	152	Saatchi	176	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	446	-20	...	8.2	∞
19½	11½	Serif▲	13½	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	18½	+1½	...	...	...
350	294	Smith David	350	+1	9.5	3.4	15.5
295	240	Smurfit (Jeff)	245	+3	...	1.9	∞
245	183	Star-Plus	244	...	8.0	4.1	∞
24	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½	...	0.3	1.6	∞
53	38	VTR▲	50 †	...	...	8.5	14.2
74	40	WPP	72	+2	...	1.7	...
125	62	Wace	121	...	2.2	2.3	∞
221	203	Waddington (J)	215	+1	7.9	4.6	16.2
660	540	Watmough	699	...	11.5	2.2	25.9
6½	4½	Westport▲	5½	...	...	...	20.6
20	12	Whitney Mck▲	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	70	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	63	...	3.5	7.0	54.4
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
73	54	Asda	67	...	2.1	4.0	∞
139	88	Avonside	123	...	4.0	4.1	∞
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2250	-25	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	505	...	18.9	4.7	18.3
26	23	Bourne End	26	...	1.0	5.0	...
190	150	Bradford	190	+9	4.4	2.9	17.3
23	13	Bredero	19	+1	...	...	1.8
277	176	Br Land	265	+8	6.3	3.0	24.4
198	153	Brixton	183	+4	8.3	5.9	∞
57	45	Burford	56	...	1.1	2.6	∞
151	99	Cap & Regnl▲	149 †	...	...	0.9	∞
150	120	Cardiff Prop	150	...	2.4	2.0	...
260	196	Chesterfield	245	...	16.5	...	17.3
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3.6
14	10	Clayform	12	+1	...	...	...
1078	818	Daejan	1075	...	25.0	2.9	16.8
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.5	25.4
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
108	96	Dencora	108	+1	3.0	3.6	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	403	...	8.6	2.7	50.2
225	170	Estates Agency	220	...	3.0	...	20.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
84	72	Eunbrook	80	+2	2.7	4.4	8.5
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	137	...	4.1	3.8	13.1
24	11	Five Oaks	20½	-1	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	382	+1	15.0	4.9	21.5
140	97	Grainger	129	+1	5.2	5.1	28.8
170	120	Gr Portland	166	+3	10.0	7.5	16.5
19	7½	Greycoat	17	...	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	116	+3	...	5.6	∞
74	35	Hamro Cnyw	73	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	333 †	+3	10.0	3.8	32.1
382	245	-do- 'A'	297 †	+4	...	4.2	28.6
196	127	Helical Bar	196	...	...	3.1	...
26	19	Hemingway	21	...	...	...	...
132	59	Herring Baker	59 †	...	3.7	7.9	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
553	435	Land Sec	548	+8	21.7	5.0	16.6
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	85	...	3.8	5.6	13.5
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
418	334	MEPC	410	+2	20.0	6.1	17.2
7½	5	McInerney, A	7½	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
7½	3	Markheath	4½	+½	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	43	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	30	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
880	775	Mountview	860	-25	18.0	2.8	8.4
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	133 †	...	5.9	5.6	18.7
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
10½	4	Ossory Est	5	-½	0.1	...	1.5
123	86	PSIT	115	...	3.7	4.1	22.9
201	138	Peel	173	...	3.0	2.2	...
16	8	Power Corp	11	-1	...	...	1.2
39	22	Property Trust	26	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	29	+1	1.5	6.5	5.7
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	23.4
33	16	St Modwen Prp	31	...	0.6	2.4	23.6
61	39	Savills	55	-1	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	56	+1	1.5	...	...
74	39	Shaftesbury	74	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	1.9	...	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	177	+3	...	5.7	12.4
74	56	Southend Prop	66	-1	4.1	7.9	33.3
16	7	Speyhawk	13½	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps▲	25	...	...	...	...
157	114	Tops Ests	154	...	2.0	1.6	39.1
101	79	Town Centre	100	...	3.1	3.9	18.7
65	43	Trafford Park	57	...	2.5	5.6	15.4
38	8	UK Land	21	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	209	...	10.5	6.5	18.5
199	168	Warnford	188	...	7.2	4.8	13.1
8	5½	Waterglade	7	...	...	...	...
53	35	Wates	51	...	0.7	1.9	...
71	40	Wood John D▲	71	+1	...	...	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	18	...	...	...	...
138	86	Headlam	138	+1	...	2.4	∞
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	∞
100	78	Pittard Garnar	79	...	2.0	3.2	22.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.6	4.6	7.5
150	89	Stylo	133	...	3.0	2.9	∞
55	53	UK Safety	55	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	55	...	4.7	...	10.9
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	∞
153	89	Celestion	144 †	+2	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Charnwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	335	...	7.2	2.7	20.9
601	523	Courtauld Text	523	-10	13.6	3.3	14.3
53½	24½	Cupid▲	33	...	...	13.5	3.0
248½	221	Dawson	231	+3	9.0	4.9	22.5
30	22	Drummond	22	-1	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	28	+1	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
98	82	Gaskell	98	...	4.2	5.9	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	173	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	51	-1	...	...	...
337	249	Lamont	336	...	12.0	4.6	21.7
437	353½	Leeds	437	+3	...	2.1	21.1
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	78 †	-1	4.9	7.9	8.9
115	69	Parkland 'A'	115	...	2.0	2.2	...
100	82	Readicut	100	-2½	3.4	4.3	19.6
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Shiloh	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.8
60	44	Stirling Gp	60	...	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	300	-1	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	40	-1	...	7.8	...
417	252	Yorklyde	401	-2	10.4	3.3	∞

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	879	-1	...	5.3	19.0
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	648	+5	10.2	2.0	14.8

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
415	349	Assoc Br Ports	415	+8	8.5	2.6	...
813	732	BAA	750	+5	14.5	2.4	13.2
311	260	Br Airways	286	+½	...	4.5	7.9
81	56	Clarkson (H)	61	...	1.5	3.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	395	-15	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	128	...	4.5	4.4	...
180	147	IoM Steam	180	+2	...	5.6	9.4
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
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349	280	Mersey Docks	329	-3	7.5	2.8	31.1
210	181	Nail Express	207	+5	...	4.3	∞
284	238	NFC	249	...	6.5	3.3	16.9
302	244	Ocean Group	269	-3	14.3	6.7	...
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	555	-5	...	6.9	17.8
140	127	P & O 5 1/2%	140	...	...	4.9	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	520	...	22.6	5.4	20.8
138	117	Seacon▲	134	...	...	4.8	8.4
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	47½	...	...	...	...
705	624	Tibbet & Britten	735	+15	11.8	2.0	28.2
382	173	Tiphook	252	+3	17.3	8.6	5.0
298	249	TDG	249	-2	9.5	4.8	∞

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
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652	547	Northumbrian	603	+3	20.5	4.2	6.2
533	449	North West	496	...	19.6	5.0	8.7
533	439	Severn Trent	491	+2	19.3	4.9	7.2
554	454	Sthn Water	495	+4	19.5	4.9	8.7
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	40.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	511	-2	21.7	5.3	7.7
563	468	Thames Water	505	+½	19.2	4.8	9.6
612	506	Welsh Water	568	+1	21.4	4.7	6.6
649	536	Wessex Water	597	+6	...	4.1	8.1
593	506	Yorkshire W	535	+1	19.5	4.6	8.7

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The BBC was out to get us

Some Tories believed that there was an insidious campaign to undermine them

Even to mention the British Broadcasting Corporation in a political context is to plunge into deep, fermenting waters but some things should be said before everything becomes blurred and out of focus, so let us take a deep breath and zero cautiously in.

During the Thatcher years, one had to watch and listen carefully, over a period, to understand the subtle techniques employed by some of the news and current affairs programmes of the BBC: the nuances, the delicate juxtapositions, the creative editing, the occasional making of news rather than the reporting of it that leaned left because that was the right way to think. These sinuous manoeuvres came from below, though above seemed to catch the infection and either refrained from intervening or went native.

It was said that the corporation was misunderstood, that it was not anti-Conservative, merely anti whichever party was in power, a watchdog barking impartially on behalf of the people, which simply made it anti-authority. This jolly little equivocation reminds me of the intimate revue in which H. Gingold, on being informed by H. Baddeley that her birthday made her a Virgo, remarked: "Does it? That's clever of it."

Of course the manipulations were subtly done and hard to pin down, and it was difficult to convince those who did not wish to be convinced of what was going on, but to those who marked, learnt and were inwardly distressed the slant was unmistakable. While throughout the Continent of Europe socialism was on its way out, Britain's most powerful media source tended to paint a picture that was not only critical of the right, which it had every right to be, but left-inclined whenever possible and sometimes blatantly so, thus tilting a balance that should by statute be politically neutral. The left-wing stance was, and still is, unmistakable.

I have little doubt that it was the clever young high-flyers in current affairs who over the years powered the anti-Thatcher campaign into every home. Their chosen method was the wearing-away-at-a-stone-technique, a noun here, an adjective there, sometimes a paragraph tucked into an otherwise harmless sequence of words and a visual impact brilliantly deployed.

In addition, for certain political programmes, there was that unique agglomeration known as the studio audience, which, it was claimed, was carefully balanced. One can't help feeling that, if this was so, whoever did the balancing had an original pair of scales.

Mrs Thatcher was fully aware of the position — she was certainly told often enough — but for some reason, perhaps because much of what was happening was aimed at her and if she complained she could be accused of a purely personal reaction, she turned a deaf ear and a blind eye.

Her husband was different. He deeply resented the BBC's treatment of his wife and frequently blew his top on the subject. This was no empty prejudice, he was well-informed and articulate and could give you chapter and verse in language that was fruity and pulled no punches. His wife denied nothing but took no public action, possibly with memories of Harold Wilson and the Radio Doctor.

Those who did these things did not do them all the time. There were weeks, even months, when they laid low and played fair, but after a suitable interval the piranhas would be back in business. The danger did not depart with Mrs Thatcher. At his first party conference as prime minister (Blackpool '91), John Major, watching the *Nine O'clock News*, became aware of a gross imbalance in the reporting of the health service debate and let his anger be known, sufficiently to cause alarm in the higher echelons of the BBC.

The corporation says firmly that it won't be bullied by politicians. Nor should it be, but the boot is on the other foot. It was not perhaps the brightest of ideas virtually to write off John Major during the election campaign of '92. The bewilderment, not to say dismay, on the faces of some of the television familiars as the results came in was one of several visceral pleasures on election night. There were only the Liberals to turn to ("and now over to Alan Beith").

There is nothing wrong with the BBC (the best orchestras and music in the world of broadcasting) that restoring balance and burying bias in its news and current affairs programmes wouldn't cure. With respect, ladies and gentlemen, propaganda is not your business.

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Keeping cool: Denis Thatcher was often angered by the broadcasters, but his wife kept her own counsel

Iain MacWhirter works for *Westminster Live*, on which the incident described by Roy Hattersley last week occurred, and not the *Parliament Programme*, as stated last week.

The joy of saying 'no'

An opportunity to discomfit the corporation was swiftly seized

A letter has been received from the director-general of the BBC, Ian Trethowan, suggesting a television debate between James Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher on the lines of the famous Nixon-Kennedy duel. Callaghan has tentatively agreed. What should Margaret do? As this is a communications matter, Chris Patten, Gordon Reece and I are summoned.

Chris is in favour, Gordon against. I'm undecided. Chris feels that since our "Winter of Discontent" broadcast showed Margaret in a favourable light as a national leader and potential prime minister this should be followed up. A TV contest would again put her on equal terms with Callaghan.

Gordon is against, fearing that Callaghan's "Uncle Jim" image and greater experience on TV would be a winner and in such a situation Margaret is still inevitably an unknown quantity. No one denies the impact of her winter broadcast but a scripted text is one thing, a free-ranging debate something else again.

I begin to come down in favour of taking a chance. To me, she has started to *look* like a winner and she's the challenger, the underdog. People, like fortune, favour the brave. Besides, she's prettier than "Uncle Jim".

But Gordon is firm. The debate would be live. The BBC's not interested in a pre-recording and you never knew what could happen on live television. Look at Nixon and his famous five o'clock shadow. People say it cost him the presidency first time round. Why risk it?

Margaret, who has listened to all this in silence asks: "What five o'clock shadow?" Gordon explains that Nixon's dark, sallow skin made him look sinister even at breakfast and by five o'clock he needed a second shave if he wasn't to come on like the Demon King in the pantomime. His people only realised the importance of the second shave during the first debate and then it was too late to send for a razor.



Trethowan: TV debate

You never knew what could happen on TV

"Well, I don't have a five o'clock shadow," says Margaret firmly. "All this talk about shaving and shadows is too ridiculous." She gives Gordon a glare and clicks her tongue.

I feel we're heading into Marx brothers territory and hurriedly throw my weight behind Gordon. It's two-to-one against now but of coure the decision is Margaret's. She hesitates. Chris tries one last throw, pointing out that if she doesn't do it the BBC will be unhappy.

"Really? How unhappy?"

"Very."

Her eyes light up. She positively twinkles. "In that case," she says, "the answer is definitely no," and as Gordon is there we all have a glass of champagne to celebrate the BBC's discomfiture.

The monthly Roger Graef column, on television and the film industry, will appear in the arts pages.

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Booking for a new millennium

As the removal of scaffolding makes the exterior of the British Library newly visible to the public, **Marcus Binney** *offers a preview of the interior*



Large blank walls are an almost abstract composition, building up to a clock-tower

The new British Library is two buildings: one outside, one inside. The two have a very different character, however much the exterior may express the spaces and functions within. And this is no bad thing. Surprise has always been one of architecture's trump cards.

Now that the scaffolding is coming down around the St Pancras site, majestic spaces are being revealed. And if the Treasury can be dissuaded from forcing the British Library to sell land at the back for development, there will even be ample space for expansion later.

The location, close to one of London's best served underground stations, is far better than the original site in Bloomsbury. "Demolishing those delightful streets in front of the British Museum would have been a crime," says Brian Lang, the library's chief executive.

Externally the architect, Professor Colin St John Wilson, has taken his cue from Victorian St Pancras next door. First, its colour: the red brick is intended to harmonise not only with Gilbert Scott's stupendous Midland Hotel, but the long run of brick railway arches on the flank of the station.

The result, however, is equivocal. The new library's largely blank walls are an almost abstract composition, building up to a clock-tower, and especially impressive viewed from the west, where the science library has the look of a large cargo ship piled with containers and rising to a dramatic prow. But unfortunately those blank walls are also a little too evocative of numerous 1980s supermarkets and shopping centres.

The piazza in front is unquestionably grand, as large as the public squares in many Italian towns. But again the red brick paving is too relentless. Brian Lang optimistically sees it as a kind of new Covent Garden, "coming alive with fire-eaters, jugglers and second-hand bookstalls".

He is also very conscious that the new cottage industries of King's Cross — "ladies of the night and needles" — will have to be kept at bay. The problem looks potentially most severe in the deep open arcade on the east side, where the trustees may yet regret the demolition of the handsome Victorian screen wall which enclosed the former goods yard on the site.

The most striking feature of the exterior is the colourful trim: British racing red for the bands of aluminium capping over the brickwork, and Fiat amazon green for the louvres and windows of the science library. What of the irregular form, however? That, says Wilson, "comes from a fundamental asymmetry of functions. The science and patent library is mostly on open shelves with reading tables by the windows. By contrast the humanities are all lit from above."

> Majestic when empty, it will spring alive with the bustle of a throng

From certain angles, though, the asymmetry is so marked that the library seems almost half a building: like Battersea power station when it only had two chimneys. Wilson argues that this is the very essence of what he calls the "English freestyle" tradition. "I maintain there is one moment in the history of architecture when we had an impact on the rest of the world, rather than simply providing an elegant footnote to the European mainstream.

"This was the age of High Victorian architects such as Butterfield and Street, who designed in free form to meet the requirements of many new building types. This is a tradition that allows much greater opportunity to invent and adapt than the language of symmetry and finite values."

And so to the inside. The main doors open into a soaring hall. Here Wilson's free form takes flight. The author of *Changing Ideals of Space in Modern Architecture* has produced his master work. From the door the room fans out in every direction. The floor rises, the ceiling rises, the walls recede. Flights of steps invite, indeed, compel one towards the hidden source of light illuminating the balconies behind. Majestic when empty, it will spring alive with the bustle of a large throng.

The cleverest part is the roof: all in white plaster, ascending in a series of alternating convex and concave curves. The lowest part has the look, appropriate to our age, of the underside of a large aeroplane wing, with the flaps pulled back as it breaks on landing. At the top, huge roof lights are designed so the sun never descends far enough to touch the pages of a book. "I've seen Wilson standing here testing the angles of light," says Lang.

At the back the balconies are in fact bridges, symbolically linking the arts and humanities libraries. When phase two of the building is complete a fourth back wall will be removed, to reveal the King's Library housed in a vast five-storey glass bookcase as sleek as the Seagram building in New York.

There is, of course, no ornament. But Wilson makes extensive use of travertine; its pitted surface gives the balustrades the look of wine corks. A silent tribute, perhaps, to the excellence of the wine cellar of the library's spiritual father, Lord Eccles. To the left is a handsome series of exhibition galleries where the library can display its greatest treasures. One will be devoted to the history of the book — complete with printing press, scriptorium and an opportunity for visitors to experiment with computer typesetting. All this has been sponsored by Digital.

At present two reading rooms can be seen. First comes Rare Books, which will serve for the humanities until the main reading rooms open, which is scheduled for 1996. This is L-shaped in plan and dominated by deep balconies and slender columns. Bare walls and muted lighting give it a monastic asceticism. Lattice-screens, on top of the balconies, have a strong touch of the library's spiritual father, Rennie Mackintosh. "It's all solid oak, there's not a piece of veneer in the building," says Lang.

The science library is a brighter space, with the flow and geometric precision of Frank Lloyd Wright. The ceiling is a neat grid of shallow square coffers, the wall an answering pattern of larger square windows standing out strongly in wooden frames. Intriguingly, although it was conceived 20 years ago, the whole interior echoes the all-white modernism now so fashionable in Paris — white columns, balconies, walls and ceilings.

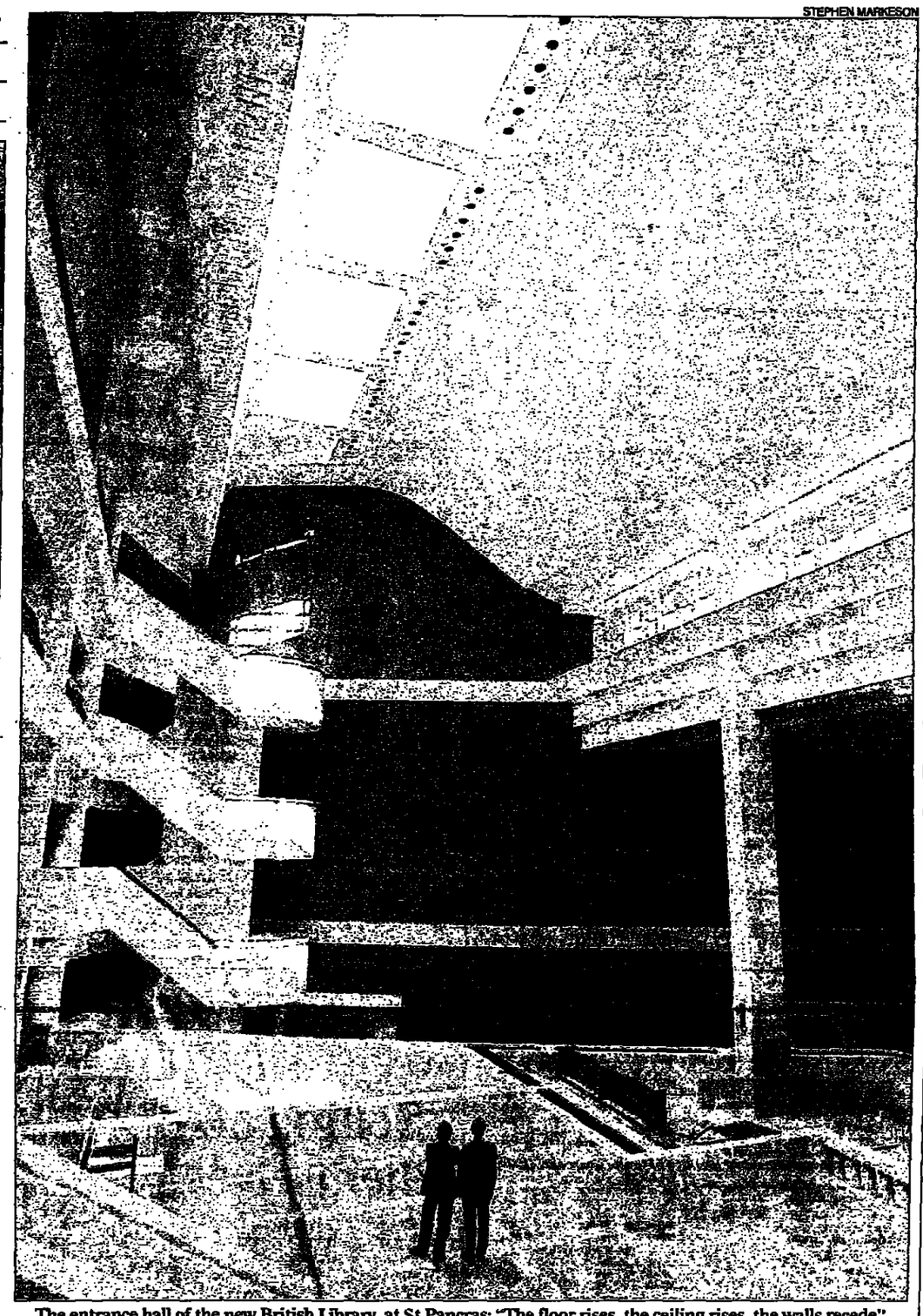
A large part of the library is underground: "four basement storeys, each two acres in size, with 200 miles of shelving," says Brian Lang. Here at last are the long-awaited signs announcing "finished area". The infamous nightmare of the faulty sliding book-stacks is over, all replaced at the expense of the supplier. The winding gear did not work properly, and the bookshelves were so long that they shuddered as they moved. Now, the all-white shelves provide some unexpected diagonal vistas.

Eight miles of conveyor belts have been laid to speed books to readers. The belts are linked to paternosters, continuously moving lifts, bringing the books up from the basement. "A reader's order, tapped into a computer terminal, is picked up by a library assistant in the form of a fax," says Lang. "The book, once found, goes into a tub on a conveyor, and a bar-chart reader silently directs it at each junction to its destination. Arrival is announced by a light on the reader's desk."

Unquestionably there will be improvements in convenience for even the most ardent supporter of the present domed Reading Room in the British Museum. But will it be worth £450 million? One of the great arguments for the new British Library is the unifying of all the collections, but this is somewhat flawed by the fact that the newspapers will remain ten miles away, at Colindale.

The new Library in fact reflects the Sixties concept of big being automatically beautiful: a shotgun marriage of arts and sciences, partners with very different interests and patterns of working. Today it might seem more desirable to have them as separate institutions, competing in the services they offer to readers. But the nation has the monument the politicians wanted, and undoubtedly there is a vast amount to be made of it.

● The new British Library building is expected to be completed by the end of 1996



STEPHEN MARKESON

The entrance hall of the new British Library, at St Pancras: "The floor rises, the ceiling rises, the walls recede"

RADIO

Cool but perhaps steamy

On Sunday afternoon, as the temperature went up, a whole half-hour on Radio 4 was devoted to ice cream. The narrator of the programme, an ice-cream addict called David McGillivray, rather put one off with his wet, voluptuous voice, which was like a cornet dripping at the rim. But **Cold Comfort** reported some cooling facts.

It was scathing about most British ice cream — too much air in it, second-rate vanilla flavouring — and concentrated on the American scene. The top-selling ice cream there now is made by a firm called Ben and Jerry's, from down in Vermont, and it has the comprehensive name of "Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough". It is meant to appeal to people's memories of stealing dough in the kitchen before Mom baked the cakes.

In general, ice-cream eating is more of an accepted adult activity in the States than here, and the recent Häagen-Dazs advertising campaign suggesting ice cream was sexy was apparently confined to this country, in an attempt to raise adult consumption here. "Ice cream is the safest sex you can have," cried the Häagen-Dazs marketing manager enthusiastically. Perhaps he should take over the Department of Health's publicity budget.

On **Stanza** on Radio 4 last night, Clive James read a poem he had written about Philip Larkin. "Your bleak, bifocal gaze was so intense . . ." ran one of the first lines, then it went on to the paradox of Larkin's poetry, which is that, deeper than the bleakness, "Profound glee charged your sentences with wit." Recent detractors who have chosen to notice nothing except Larkin's curmudgeonly impulses were swept aside masterfully by James: "Their prose style alone disqualifies them from judging poetry."

There was something very cheering about hearing such a passionate and thoughtful defence of poetry from "the TV personality with the crinkle-faced chuckle", as the presenter, Andrew McAlister, described James. However I was less convinced by James's generous admiration for the other Australian poet on the programme, Les Murray.

We heard some ingenious verbal inventions devised by Murray as an attempt to get into the minds of animals — but is "burnt-maize smelling death" precisely how elephants would think of humans? It's an arresting phrase, but I think there's an anti-human, pro-elephant sentimentality lurking there that would not have escaped Larkin's bifocal gaze.

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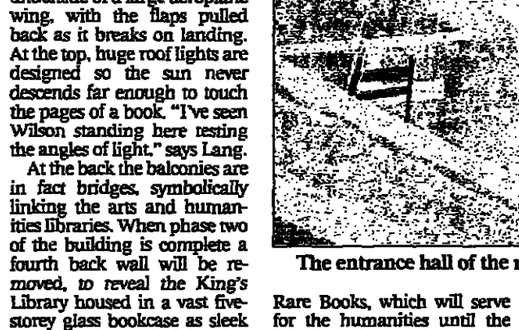
TELEVISION REVIEW

What are bigger boys made of?

This is unbelievable. Grant Mitchell is out of prison; Sharon is so scared her hair has changed style in single night; and Phil has resolved to tell Grant all about the affair ("Sleeping with my husband's brother," as Sharon once memorably said; "it sounds like something out of the Bible.") Yet still there is no punch-up. Much as one abhors violence on screen, the teasing of the EastEnders (BBC 1) audience over the past few weeks has been unendurable. Will someone please tell Grant, so that he can finally go bananas and kill someone?

But no. Last night's episode, marked as the start of a new era by the introduction of a new, swankier arrangement of the *EastEnders* theme tune and a restyled aerial title-photo (predominant colour: green), ended with Grant and Phil wordlessly fronting each other under the shadow of Canary Wharf, in a manner suggestive of "Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darling", yet still with everything left open. I could scream. Sometimes one thinks that the only lesson to emerge from this story-line will be that a woman can feel so strongly attracted to men who look like peanuts that she will actually risk her life.

Ho hum. Later in the evening, **40 Minutes** (BBC 2) looked at three more hard-looking blokes with close-cropped hair, but in this case it was the Michelin Man, not Percy Dalton, who sprang to mind. For these were the big, fat, pale wibbly-wobbly contingent representing Britain at the international Sumo championships in Japan. Seeing them "barge into one another" (that's a technical term) scarcely compensated for the *EastEnders* disappointments earlier, but it certainly had a fascination of its own.



Grant Mitchell (Ross Kemp) being released from prison

Three Big Men was directed by Marc Munden, the chap who gave us the brilliant "Bermondsey Boy" in the 1991 series *From Wimps to Warriors*. This new film — less intrusive than "Bermondsey Boy" (fewer close-ups of earlobes, and no shocking intimate confidences) — was nevertheless marked by the same amused, but not cruel, detachment.

Steve, George and Terry were our top three Sumo wrestlers, it transpired, because they were the only three to turn up for the British championships — but did this make them automatically ridiculous? Luckily, no. Munden must be praised for his restraint. He made a *40 Minutes* about three fat losers in nappies without resorting to belly laughs.

They were certainly a disparate group. Steve, our smooth-faced gold medallist, was a self-confessedly friendless individual who referred to himself in sportsmanly terms ("injury-free, fighting fit"), gave pep talks to the others, and occasionally tried to chat up Japanese women with disastrous results.

The quiet frowning George, a Geordie martial arts enthusiast, was upset by the stir caused in polite Japanese society by his all-over tattoos, and thereafter kept himself to himself; while the slow, cheerful gap-toothed London cab-driver Terry — the outright star — confessed that what first attracted him to Sumo was the eating. "I am a great lover of cakes and sweets and chockilits," he beamed.

We did not learn much about Sumo. And we did not learn an enormous amount about Steve, George or Terry. Mainly we learnt about how three abnormally sized Englishmen behave away from home; three men with nothing in common besides their ability to shove their bellies in a tactical manner.

Evidently the Japanese are beginning to regret international interest in Sumo, mainly because of the comparative-stature problem (foreigners are generally bigger). But it's a bit late to think of that now.

LYNNE TRUSS

In mem. Marlowe

ARTS BRIEFING

Last chance . . .

MEMORIAL services for distinguished thespians are not rare, of course, but it is a bit unusual to have one 400 years after the luvvy died. That is what will be happening in a south London church on May 30 when the great and the good of the British stage, led by Janet Suzman and Antony Sher, will gather in all seriousness for a "service of celebration of the life and works of Christopher Marlowe". The service, to be held at 3pm in St Nicholas's Church in Deptford (where Marlowe is buried in the churchyard), will mark the 400th anniversary of the night on which the shady dramatist was killed, at the age of 29, in a Deptford pub brawl.

Peter Whelan will "compere" the service, which will include extracts from his own RSC play about Marlowe, *The School of Night*. A scene from a Marlowe play not seen in London for 200 years, *Massacre in Paris*, will be staged, and among those contributing readings will be local MP Simon Hughes.

Last chance . . .

THE latest of Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical comedies, *Lost In Yonkers*, won a Pulitzer Prize and enjoyed a long Broadway run, but over here divided the critics and closes at the Strand Theatre (071-930 8800) after a six-month run, unusually brief for Simon. Those who disliked the sentimentality of its story — two young boys obliged to stay with their hard-hearted grandma and simple-minded aunt — complained that Simon shied away from psychological truth for the sake of yet another laugh. Admirers praised him for suggesting the toothache behind the grin. But all have hailed the assurance of the two kids and the performances by Rosemary Harris and Maureen Lipman. It ends on Saturday.

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DON QUIXOTE: The critics have not taken kindly to the Royal Ballet's latest production, but audiences have been enthusiastic. It provides plenty of opportunity for display dancing, set against the elegant and spare designs of Mark Thompson.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066). 7.30pm.

THE SIXTIES: Swinging or not, the Sixties London art scene immediately calls up a host of images: psychedelic colours, neo-Art Nouveau, Op Art and Bridget Riley, Pop Art and David Hockney, the extravagant styles of Carnaby Street and the cover art of the Beatles. It is all here, along with some neglected art rediscovered, such as that of Pauline Boty, who died young, and William Green, who disappeared after (though not necessarily because) Ken Russell made a film about him.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-588 9023). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until June 13.

MELIES: Usually tagged "the father of film fantasy", Georges Melies began as a theatrical magician, but early realised the potential of camera trickery to enhance his magical effects. This exhibition illustrates his original designs, reconstructs his studio and reveals how many of his tricks were done.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1 (071-401 2636). Daily, 10am-6pm, until June 12.

THE SHOWMAN: Alan Bates makes his debut at the Almeida as a monstrously egotistic actor-dramatist attempting to revive his flagging career on a tour of Austria: the British premiere of a black comedy by Thomas Bernhard.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Previewing eves 8pm; opens Mon, 7pm; then Mon-Fri, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm, until June 26.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

REDEEMING VICES: Michael Browning's comedy derived from Saki's acid tales of Edwardian society. With Richenda Carey as a resented hostess.
New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Previews tonight, 8pm, opens Thurs, 8pm; then Tues-Sun, 8pm, mats Sun, 4pm, until June 6.

BLACK UMFOLOSI: The first of two concerts by the group from Zimbabwe, performing in a style similar to that of Ladysmith Black Mambazo.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm.

THE ENGLISH CONCERT: Trevor Pinnock's group, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, is currently recording the complete Mozart symphonies. Tonight under Trevor Pinnock the Concert performs an all-Mozart programme comprising Symphonies No 35 ("Haffner") and No 39 together with the overture in E flat, "Exsultate, Jubilate" and "Bella Mia Fiamma" (sung by the American soprano Barbara Bonney).
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061). 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: Tom McGrath's new play **Buchanan** tells of the life so far of Ken Buchanan, boxer with the golden touch until he fought at Madison Square Garden in 1971.
Traverse, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Tues-Sun (May 16), 8pm. Also May 25-June 6, 8pm.

LA BOHEME: Puccini's tear-jerker *La Bohème* returns to **Opera North** for the first time in five years in a new production by Phyllida Lloyd and Anthony Ward, the team responsible for the company's delightful staging of Chabrier's *L'Etoile* a year ago. The cast includes Jane Leslie MacKenzie as Mimi and Juliet Booth as Musetta. Roy Laughlin conducts.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate (0532 459351), 7.15pm.

MANCHESTER: The Royal Exchange stages the world premiere of a new piece by the prolific playwright Ronald Harwood, **Poison Pen**, starring Tom Courtenay and Polly James. The play is inspired by the career and mysterious death of Philip Heseltine, the 1930s music critic who wrote under the name Peter Warlock.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9833). Preview tonight, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

MANCHESTER: Among the royal collection of drawings and watercolours which survived the Windsor fire unscathed are a number of works commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to commemorate the palaces in which they lived. **Royal Residences of the Victorian Era** is one of a series of loan watercolour shows selected to give an evocative picture of the Victorian royal family lifestyle and ranges from St Georges Hall, Windsor (destroyed in the fire) to the Chintzy royal bedroom on Queen Victoria's royal yacht.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road (061-273 4865). Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs, 10am-9pm, until July 31.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. 180mins.

□ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **CRACKS:** Martin Sherman's precise and hilarious spoof thriller demolishing the Californian freak scene of 1973.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 105mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN:** Cheek by Jowl present Alfred de Musset's tart romance to their usual high standard, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **A JOVIAL CREW:** Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

◩ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins. Final week.

□ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm, trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. Extended run to May 23.

□ **PLAYING BY THE RULES:** Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins.

◩ **SEARCH AND DESTROY:** How to lose innocence and grow rich in modern America. Howard Korder's compelling play inspires razor-sharp acting, directed by Stephen Daldry.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 140mins.

□ **TOTAL ECLIPSE:** Verlaine and Rimbaud go racketing around Europe. Enjoyable revival of Christopher Hampton's early play.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Final week.

□ **THE TREATMENT:** Martin Crimp's eccentric look at New York and the treachery of movie makers: effective only in patches.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◩ **Cyrano de Bergerac**: Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **GROUNDHOG DAY** (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **RICH IN LOVE** (PG): Aggravating, doozie tale of a dysfunctioning Charleston family, from the *Driving Miss Daisy* team. Bruce Beresford directs Albert Finney, Kathryn Erbe.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **TRESPASS** (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA (071-930 3647).

◆ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano; director, Frank Marshall.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatores.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON 1** (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series, with just a few chuckles. Gene Quintano directs Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

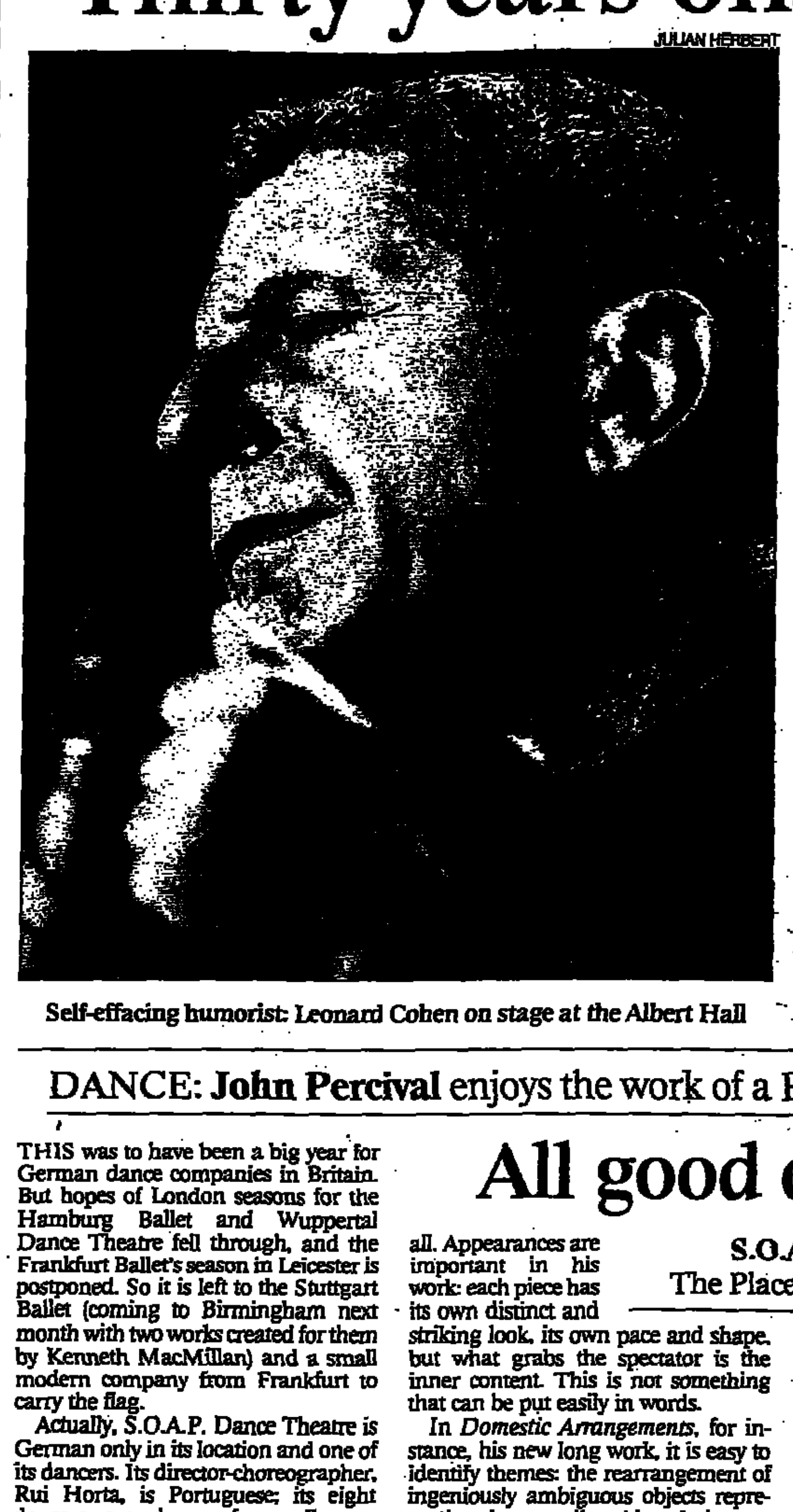
ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ROCK: A rewarding evening in the company of Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen

Thirty years on, he's your man



JULIAN HERBERT

Self-effacing humorist: Leonard Cohen on stage at the Albert Hall

Leonard Cohen
Albert Hall

"THANK you so much for coming tonight," Leonard Cohen rumbled humbly, "when there are so many more interesting things to do."

It set the agenda perfectly for an evening of self-effacing humour and soul-scouring introspection, all set to the melodically dour tunes that have become Cohen's trademark.

Dressed in the jauntily ecclesiastic clothing that a vicar might wear to a youth club disco and sporting a closely-cropped haircut wherein the salt was overwhelming the pepper, Cohen — who recently claimed that his singing voice could only confidently hope to cope with four notes — performed for three and a quarter hours and the time simply waltzed by.

His eight-piece band, which prominently featured Julie Christensen and Perla Betalla on backing vocals, Bob Metzger's sparkling guitar playing, and Robert P. Furgo's mournful violin, trundled gamely through two sets and an hour of encores which would have left the majority of musicians shattered and sluggish.

Cohen cunningly selected material from his past 30 song-writing years, focusing closely on his two most recent albums, *I'm Your Man* (1988) and this year's excellent portfolio, *The Future*. These records' gentle, electronic pulse and poetically parched wit have been instrumental in changing the public's perception of the gnarled Canadian from bedsit-dwelling merchant of existential despair to wry old goat with synthesizer.

His twixt-number repartee was a rare pleasure. Not for Cohen the lame introduction which merely informed the audience of the next number. Instead, he muttered mini-parables that ingeniously managed to incorporate the forthcoming song's title. "When Jesus was hanging from that final branch, looking down at those greedy faces, he knew that a love had been thrown in the cosmos and that there... 'Ain't no cure for love'."

Growling in a low, kippered croak — a voice that gives you that feeling that your dog just died — he re-visited and revised many of his finest works. "Bird on a Wire" received a light gospel treatment; "Suzanne", played alone, moved slowly and reflectively; "First We Take Manhattan (Then We Take Berlin)", performed twice, was eerily intense and paranoid.

The cornerstone of the marathon concert was "Democracy", Cohen's recent essay that coolly chronicles the end of, well, everything, taking in spiritual decay, incurable disease and military hysteria.

The powerful renditions of "Hallelujah", "A Singer Must Die" or "So Long Marianne" would have all made poignant encores, but Cohen kept coming back — five times in all — and when the 59-year-old gentleman modestly announced that "I've been coming here every six or seven years for some time. I hope to continue for another decade or two", the hitherto polite audience bade for evenmore.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

DANCE: **John Percival** enjoys the work of a Portuguese choreographer based in Frankfurt

All good clean fun

S.O.A.P.
The Place, Euston

THIS was to have been a big year for German dance companies in Britain. But hopes of London seasons for the Hamburg Ballet and Wuppertal Dance Theatre fell through, and the Frankfurt Ballet's season in Leicester is postponed. So it is left to the Stuttgart Ballet (coming to Birmingham next month with two works created for them by Kenneth MacMillan) and a small modern company from Frankfurt to carry the flag.

Actually, S.O.A.P. Dance Theatre is German only in its location and one of its dancers. Its director-choreographer, Rui Horta, is Portuguese; its eight dancers are drawn from all over Europe; but it owes its existence to an invitation from the Kunstlerhaus Mousenturm, Frankfurt, an arts centre in a former soap factory. Hence the company's name S.O.A.P.: Horta admits disarmingly that he added the full stops just to mystify.

Does this indicate a concern with appearances rather than reality? Not at all. Appearances are important in his work: each piece has its own distinct and striking look, its own pace and shape, but what grabs the spectator is the inner content. This is not something that can be put easily in words.

In *Domestic Arrangements*, for instance, his new long work, it is easy to identify themes: the rearrangement of ingeniously ambiguous objects representing doors, walls, tables, chairs as a visual metaphor of emotions and relations among the persons the dancers represent. Lust not only for sex but for food, privacy, company, comfort, security and adventure drives them on, their stories told in multilingual scraps of soliloquy or conversation as well as in mood.

Horta constantly challenges his dancers, physically and emotionally; the climax of *Domestic Arrangements* brings its many strands together as the seven performers all cling precariously to a huge, hollow wooden structure whirling faster and faster.

An evening of three short works, *Made To Measure*, shows another side of his work — or rather, three more sides. It begins with *Wolfgang, Bitte*, a commission from Dance Workshop Europe. This is a collage of movement and diverse fragments of Mozart's music; both dance and score repeatedly startle and stimulate by their power as well as their unexpectedness.

Diving again introduces speech, some of it from *Moby Dick*, some of Horta's own devising, this time spoken by a man poised alone on a high board above the stage while the other dancers move constantly across the space beneath. Their journey to a mysterious sea is repeatedly interrupted while he above screws up courage to join the tides of the world.

In *Diving*, Horta shows what tension he can achieve by the simplest movements, for instance when one man turns against the flow of the rest and advances on a woman, making her back away. On the other hand, in *Ordinary Events* he builds a tremendous crescendo of energy six dancers repeatedly sliding, leaping, running, twisting in straight lines down towards the audience and back again, or outlining a square around the stage, while a soundtrack by Les Tambours du Bronx pounds away to fuel them. Horta has a tremendous team of dancers: extremely variegated in appearance but working with one heart. Audiences at The Place applauded them with an explosive, entirely un-English enthusiasm.

THEATRE REVIEW

Selling off themselves

Playing by the Rules
Drill Hall, WC1

ROD Dungate's play is not the first to explore the world of the rent boy but where the Edinburgh teenagers in Michael Wilcox's *Rents* only offered their services part time, to produce those little extras their student grants would not stretch to, Dungate's Birmingham boys are full-time rents. They go dancing in bars, choose fancy clothes and take themselves off for a picnic in the hills, but cruising the evening streets for punters is the main focus of their energy.

The play, a sell-out for two runs at Birmingham Rep, takes a part-documentary, part-dramatic route. Each of the cast of six has his principal role — Ape the slow-witted skinhead, Steve who needs to believe he is straight, Tony who won't bend over — but they share the roles of punters, rivals and assorted villains introducing the factual stuff with a cheeky scrap of verse.

The tone is sourish, joky and camp, without minimising the nasty dangers the boys risk nor suggesting there can be lasting happiness in this profession.

The play begins by following 15-year-old Danny (Ian Pepperell), a fresh-faced runaway from care, seeking shelter in the city. He is taken up by the older Steve (David Phelan) and Sean (James Dreyfus), whose energy whips the play along. The focus then broadens to include the troubles of the other characters, giving each of them a moment of reflection accommodated in the duologues. Dungate loses sight of Danny's psychology, and while it is fitting that Danny should eventually become a mini-racketeer, driving even younger boys to jump on the meat rack, the change comes too swiftly.

The action is excitingly staged by Anthony Clark on a set by Ruari Murchison bordered by cars. In an eerie scene these are occupied by vicar, solicitor and other men in need who blurt out their requirements to the dazed Danny below. Most of the jokes are unprintable, and the "golden showers" scene — glittering paper streamers raining down upon a horizontal man — stages theatrically what could hardly be shown for real.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT REVIEW

Birthday greetings

Leipzig RSO/Penderecki
Festival Hall

IF THE Polish composer celebrating his 60th birthday with a British tour had been Henryk Górecki, I dare say there would not have been the vast empty spaces there were in the Festival Hall on Monday night. But although Górecki is indeed 60 this year, the composer in question was Krzysztof Penderecki, who conducted the Leipzig Radio Symphony Orchestra in three of his works to a modest but appreciative audience.

A pity, because Penderecki, who has fashioned an individual neo-Romantic idiom over the last two decades, writes eminently accessible music. In fact, it is not far from Górecki's in its opulent mournfulness.

What it does not have is Górecki's endless repetition, which doubtless counts against it these days. But those ready for something more intellectually challenging might well respond to a work such as the Second Symphony, entitled "Christmas".

In a single movement that incorporates the traditional scherzo and slow movement functions into an extended sonata design, the symphony has a powerful sense of unity, enhanced by the ubiquity of the interval of a minor third. If that all sounds rather dry, it's to reckon without the elevated Brucknerian brass sonorities. Nor does it take into account the quotation from the Christmas carol "Silent Night" — incorporated not ironically, as H.K. Gruber would have done, but with reverence, like an icon.

Penderecki is a past master at deploying motifs such as this: fragments gradually cohere until a grand statement emerges. The Leipzigers responded sympathetically to his purposeful direction, as they did too in the Second Cello Concerto. Here is another work of intense, introspective expression, yet richly evocative in the sound world it conjures.

Penderecki and his players ensured that monotony never set in, maintaining a lively rhythmic presence beneath the unchanging exterior. The excellent soloist was Tim Hugh, whose firmly articulated, impassioned playing set the seal on a powerful performance.

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OPERA: The Royal Opera's new director interviewed; a fine *Otello*; and works by new composers

How will his Garden grow?

Nicholas Payne was willing to swap the success of Opera North for the troubles of Covent Garden. Rodney Milnes asks why

STEPHEN MARKESON



Nicholas Payne is aware of the need to make Covent Garden accessible: "How do we make this place belong to the poor buggers who pay for it through their taxes?"

When Nicholas Payne's appointment as director of the Royal Opera was announced 18 months ago eyebrows were raised, both positively and quizzically. Positively in that the willingness of someone regarded as one of the shrewdest minds in European opera to go to Covent Garden was a vote of confidence in an organisation then under concerted attack from some sections of the press and in some corridors of power; quizzically in surprise that someone who had so green a patch as managing director of Opera North — loyal Leeds audience, adventurous repertoire, almost embarrassingly unanimous critical acclaim — should want to forsake all that for the swamp that was then Covent Garden. The house only stayed open by putting seat prices up to socially unrealistic levels, and obituaries for the very concept of "international opera" were being written almost daily.

But as Payne is the first to remind you, the picture painted of the Royal Opera's troubles was exaggerated. Even in its darkest days it was still one of Europe's leading theatres, and since his appointment there has coincidentally been a remarkable upswing in public confidence and esteem: the odd lapse apart, it is now pretty well beyond reproach artistically.

Payne started his professional life in the finance department at Covent Garden, before moving to Welsh National and then Leeds, and he heard many of the great performances that switched him on to opera from the gallery — "the Visconti *Don Carlos* of course, Kempe conducting *Elektra* with Gerda Lammers, or *Butterfly* with Victoria de los Angeles. The short answer to why I've returned is 'the place', nostalgia maybe, and the way that, although I don't start officially until September, I already feel as if I have come home."

He is impatient with "golden-agism", with the theory that there aren't the singers any more. "That's absolute nonsense. It's always been difficult to cast *Siegfried* and *Aida*, hasn't it? There are wonderful singers around, and an awful lot of them are prepared to give you decent rehearsal periods. That's always been true. You have as many stage rehearsals here as at Opera North. The 'flying in and being thrown on' variety of performance just doesn't happen here, which is one reason why consistently the standard is higher. The thing about Covent Garden is that despite all the restraints of money and time, you have a pick of a wider range of great singers than in any other company in this country. And great singing is an important part of opera."

> 'We've got to devise lots of points of entry throughout the year'

Just as at the Coliseum a fortnight ago, the new opera director has put a personal stamp on next season's plans even before he has taken up his position, not least in the restoration of the marvellous old Sophie Fedorovitch designs for the *Butterfly* that opens the season on September 11. Of course the major new productions were in place, but they chime in with his five-pronged attack on the repertory. The Haitink/Graham Vick *Meistersinger* is the start of a renewal of the Wagner operas (a new *Ring* will follow next season), and the Downes/Moshinsky *Aida* is part of the Verdi cycle to be completed by 2001. Birtwistle's *Gawain* will be revived, part of what Payne sees as future commitment to works written for (though not always performed at) Covent Garden — Handel, Weber, Martinu and Gerhard as well as Britten, Walton and Tippett.

The core repertory has to remain at the core: having been well and truly "Warnocked" (in current Bow Street parlance), Payne is serving up 14 *Magic Flutes* and 17 *Carmens*. But it is in extensions to the repertory, casting and production teams that the Payne touch may be seen. Rossini's *Mosè* he inherited, but Giordano's *Fedora*, an unashamed vehicle for Freni and Carreras, has been firmed up, and Massenet's *Chérubin* slipped in. Clever casting devised by Payne with Peter Katona means that you will want to see both series of *Flutes* and *Carmens*, dammit; such Payne-ish producers as Martin Duncan (*Flute*) and Tim Albery (*Chérubin*) are introduced to the house.

All fine and dandy, but will audiences that can afford the seat prices — up by just under five per cent for the season — risk their money on pieces they may not even have heard of? While being aware of champagne and rah-rah in the stalls area, Payne points to "an awful lot of people who invest a large amount of their hard-earned income into taking out subscriptions and coming here maybe ten times a year. To them these unfamiliar pieces are absolutely essential. If we gave in to Warnock and churned out endless repeats of *Tosca* and *Butterfly* they'd stop subscribing. The secret is no different from Leeds or Milan or Lyon: a season has to have a sensible balance."

At the time of Payne's appointment some people wondered whether there'd been a nudge and a wink in a corridor of power, a "don't worry squire, we'll see you OK for money". Quite the opposite, and things have got worse. "We were promised in a letter a three per cent increase next year, but what we're getting is a two per cent cut and a standstill the year after. So that's a five per cent cut, increasing to eight per cent the following year. The Arts Council were deeply embarrassed — they too had been promised. But the government has played it very cleverly, giving us plenty of warning of last year's reduction by one per cent — it was impossible for us to whinge."

Clever or not, current funding policy means that the arts organisation taking the largest slice of public money remains the least accessible to the general public — an issue shamefully ignored by the Warnock report. Payne is acutely conscious of this. "How do we make this place belong to the poor buggers who pay for it through their taxes?" (Payne's language occasionally reminds you that he was edutated at Eton.) "In Leeds or Glasgow, if you are interested in opera you can go to the box office and buy a ticket. You can here too: you can get into the gallery slips for less than you have to pay to get into the Grand Theatre in Leeds, but silly journalists will keep on writing about £200 for a Domingo performance as though that were the norm. But there is an enormous difference in price."

So one really interesting scheme next season is the subsidising of audiences. "Certain performances don't sell to the very rich because they're all out of town at weekends, and it's hard to sell them to anyone else at the crazy prices we have to charge. So we are selling a certain number of Saturday nights at equally crazy prices at the other end of the scale — £20 top, targeting young people, students, the unemployed and those on low fixed incomes, the sort of audiences who come to the Hamlyn Weeks or the Midland Bank Proms. We've got to devise lots of little points of entry throughout the year. Like the clever wheeze when the latest *Barber* revival wasn't selling: we contacted the people who'd come to the last Hamlyn Week and offered them a good stall for £15. We found 800 people to fill those seats. The danger of this sort of thing is that those who have booked at £90 may think twice about it next time, but it's a risk you have to take in order to target and create a completely new audience.

"My contribution to discussions on these schemes is philosophical. The marketing director Keith Cooper does the nuts and bolts. But I'm convinced that if we're to justify the sort of money we need, we've got to tackle this access issue. It's the only way you can justify £150 million for re-equipping the theatre, isn't it? If it's for everyone?"

DONALD COOPER



Powerful: Katia Ricciarelli and Vladimir Atlantov in Elijah Moshinsky's Covent Garden staging of *Otello*

Revival of great passion

Otello
Covent Garden

Verdi may not give him Shakespeare's line, but this Otello is indeed "great of heart". As Elijah Moshinsky's six-year-old production of Verdi's opera returns to Covent Garden (efficiently staged in all its splendour by Richard Gregson), the Russian tenor Vladimir Atlantov returns to the role in which he made his Royal Opera debut in 1987; and it is a formidable return.

Atlantov took some time to settle into the role he has made so distinctively his own. Compared with Placido Domingo's portrayal, Atlantov is a brute bear of a Moor, with a glint of hysteria in his voice from the start. On this first night, his was not only too much of happiness: it was simply too much too soon. An ugly vibrato distorted the voice in the first act, so that Verdi's distinction between the passion of war and the passion of love became blurred.

After the interval, though, what we heard was Otello, not Atlantov on the rack. As the voice found its focus, it revealed an extraordinary range of emotion, from the almost wailing farewell to arms, to the torment after Desdemona's public humiliation. Here, Atlantov seemed to choke as if the Devil himself had him in a stranglehold.

This Iago, though, is not quite Devil enough. Justino Diaz is an old hand at the deadly role, and he brings artful detail to it; yet his is an unremarkable presence. Robin Leggate's ever-excellent Cassio all but upstages him when they coincide.

Katia Ricciarelli has been singing Desdemona here for ten years, and it remains one of the most intelligent and moving portrayals this house has seen in recent years. Although the voice now takes the strain in Verdi's louder, higher writing, Ricciarelli's skill at tracking his every expressive move, and the aching purity of her quiet passages, are incomparable.

In this revival, the orchestra should really come at the top of the cast list. From the opening to the last numb chords, Sir Edward Downes conducts a performance in which the ear is constantly and wonderfully drawn to the subtext — indeed to the momentum of the text itself — in the wordless eloquence of the pit.

HILARY FINCH

Hands off the BBC Philharmonic, says **Gerald Larner**

Let this band stand

High on adrenalin in the middle of a busy tour with the BBC Philharmonic, Trevor Green was unshakable in his faith in the quality, value and durability of the orchestra. "Frankly, I would be more nervous if I were running the BBC Symphony Orchestra." As BBC head of music in Manchester, he has manoeuvred the Manchester-based Philharmonic into a position which, when the crunch finally comes, should make it all but invulnerable.

Green's arguments for the BBC Philharmonic remaining more or less as it is, and where it is, are difficult to refute. But sceptics will point out that there is no regional representative on the BBC/Arts Council panel looking into the English orchestral situation. If it comes to plural funding, the BBC Philharmonic is better placed than the BBC Symphony. Yet it is difficult to believe that the BBC's London-based flagship will be asked to expose itself to the indignity of going out to find it.

While the board of the BBC and the Arts Council are reading the joint report — which should be published near the end of June or the beginning of July — unsettling rumours abound. No one can take seriously the notion that the BBC PO will be merged with the Northern Ballet orchestra, still less the idea of a merger between the BBC PO and Opera North; the latter already has a significant concert-hall presence as the nucleus of the English Northern Philharmonia.

Genuine consternation, however, was caused by David Mellor who, shortly after his retreat from high office, suggested that the BBC PO should relocate from Manchester to Nottingham. As well as extracting a vital teaching element from a multi-level educational infrastructure, which neither exists nor could be replicated in the East Midlands, relocation would decimate the BBC PO.



Yan Pascal Tortelier: the strings have blossomed

At present, as its recent tour of Germany and Austria demonstrated, it is sounding better than ever. The string section, which has blossomed under the influence of the recently appointed principal conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier, must now be one of the best in this country. The BBC PO has a new style, a new personality and — with an average age of less than 35 and an extraordinarily fresh and willing attitude to work — enormous potential for development.

It is true that the north-west, which houses the Hallé and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic as well as the BBC Philharmonic, is well supplied with orchestras. But this is a situation which the region has nurtured and which, by building the state-of-the-art Studio 7 for the BBC PO in Manchester rather than in Nottingham or Leeds, the BBC has helped to maintain.

There is another important point about the BBC Philharmonic. As Trevor Green says, "our base is in Manchester but our market place is not". Although the new concert hall in Manchester (due to open in 1996) is being provided to accommodate the BBC PO as well as the Hallé, the BBC season will be comparatively short. As now, it will spend far less time in Manchester than in travelling the area between the Scottish borders and the South Midlands.

In addition to that, as Green sees it after the BBC PO's recent and highly successful residence in Cambridge, the orchestra could make friends in other areas. Nottingham, for example, might prefer to have them in residence for a week every now and again rather than have them there all the time. If it did come to plural funding, if both of the two remaining large-scale orchestras still supported solely by the BBC had to seek Arts Council and local authority funding, the BBC SO would surely be the more vulnerable in a capital already overcrowded with orchestras.

In the end, whatever the BBC/Arts Council report has to say, the future of the orchestras depends on what sort of broadcasting organisation the BBC wants to be. The fundamental question, which concerns the survival of the BBC as well as that of its orchestras, is whether it is to be a cost-effective and populist Radio 3 or whether it is to continue its unique and historical role in shaping and sustaining British musical life. The audiences which only recently were coming in full houses to hear the BBC Philharmonic in places like the Konzerthaus in Vienna and the Gasteig in Munich would be amazed that the question is even being asked.

Starting on a wrong note

New Visions, New Voices
RCM

By the closing date last summer 103 works had been submitted to the ENO Baylis Programme's "New Voices, New Visions" project, an open invitation to anyone in the world between the ages of 9 and 29 extended at the height of the "yoof" culture craze. Four were presented on Monday in collaboration with the London Royal Schools' Vocal Faculty at the Britten Theatre, sponsored by British Gas.

The sparse audience seemed to be made up entirely of friends and relations of those involved. The air was heavy with self-congratulation, and the compering in the breaks plumbed new depths in the theatre of embarrassment. Not for the first time, one felt that new opera was something best performed by consenting adults in private. A strong urge to head for the exit was resisted, luckily, as things looked up in the second half — there was certainly no other direction in which they could have looked.

We opened with **Melissa's Maelstrom** by the 16-year-old twin sisters Dina and Rosabella Gregory. As in Mozart's early operas, there was a certain fascination in watching a composer grappling with a subject one hopes she had little experience of: a married woman having a nervous breakdown. Guidance from the Baylis directors in matters of vocal writing and structure might have helped, but perhaps not much; the musical idiom was Lloyd Webber and seltzer, and matters were not helped by the protagonist getting no more than a handful of words across in the 40-minute span. I honestly don't believe the piece should have been included, but perhaps the twins' potential for exploitation in the publicity department proved irresistible.

Inspector Otto and the Long-haired Bicycle Maniac was an amiable, green-tinged sketch about the triumph of two wheels over four. Todd McNeal displayed a real knack for pastiche and parody, but what potential the piece had was killed stone-dead by the intolerable facetiousness of the production.

An opera about non-communication in minimalist style may not sound too promising, but Fabienne Audeoud's **The King Comm** was the only one of the four pieces in which content and duration (25 minutes) found perfect balance: Audeoud knew what she had to say (or rather, not say), and said it. Her writing for the accompanying string quintet was spare and graceful, and the piece was given a brilliant production by Stephen Langridge, well conducted by Peter Selwyn, and contained a beautifully accomplished performance by the Finnish mezzo Lilli Paasikivi.

Richard Chew's **Still** took a complicated story — Sir John Franklin's non-discovery of the Northwest Passage in 1845 and the death of three of the crew from lead-poisoning — and told it smoothly through music heavily indebted to Britten (a good creditor). He knows how to use *mélodrame*, and was perhaps over-generous with it, especially as he also knows how to write for the voice, but there is genuine compositional skill here. Good conducting (Michael Rosewell) and production (Rebecca Meitlis). The hard-working singers in all four deserve praise.

What did we learn? That today's New Voices are distinctly conservative in tone. In the context of George Lloyd's success in Brighton, this is rather interesting.

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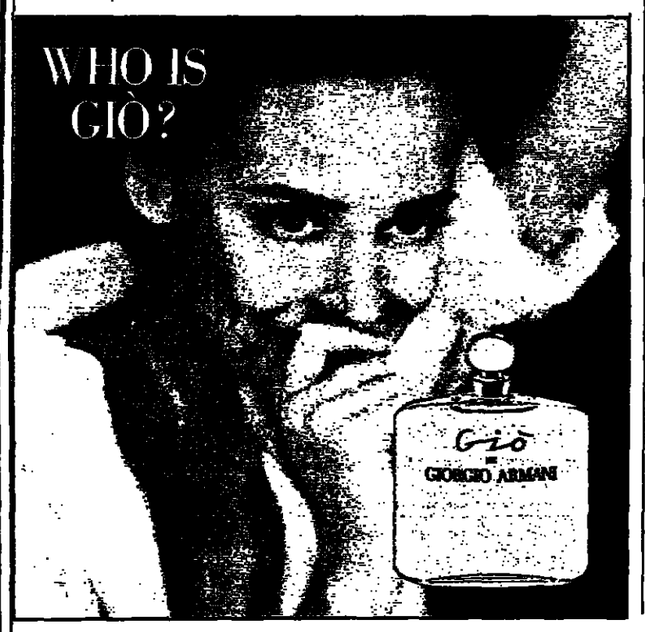
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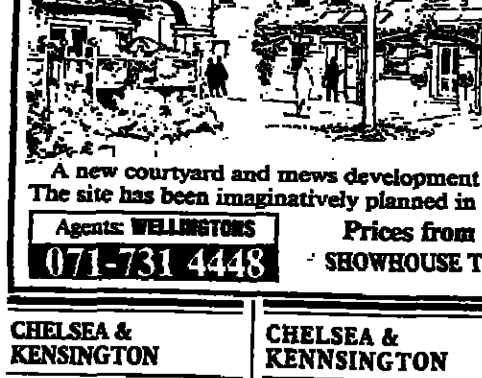
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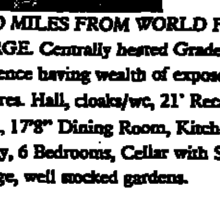
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Something to watch over you

Rachel Kelly on how anti-crime cameras in cities are taking the place of the nosy neighbour

The publication last month of figures showing that rural crime had reached a new high was enough to make village-dwellers think of selling up and buying a semi somewhere safe, like in town.

But wait. Such statistics may be misleading. Increasingly, it is what makes rural communities safe which is now being used to make cities more secure places to live.

The recent thrust of crime prevention in cities has been to recreate the conditions of rural areas, initially with neighbourhood watch schemes in suburban areas. This principle is now being extended to city centres with the use of security video cameras as a high-tech attempt to match the natural "surveillance" of small towns and villages.

Although the rate of increase in crime dropped from 16 per cent in 1991 to 6 per cent last year, Home Office figures show much higher rises in the shires: in Derbyshire, for instance, crime was up nearly 17 per cent, a growth reflected throughout countryside areas.

Despite such figures, criminologists say that rural areas are still safer than larger towns and cities. Professor Robert Reiner, a criminologist at the London School of Economics, points out that many of the counties now include parts of conurbations and larger towns which account for the rising crime rates. Cheshire, for example, where crime went up nearly 20 per cent, contains parts of Greater Manchester. "There is no evidence that crime is growing in really rural areas," Professor Reiner says. "Almost all the counties include large cities." Instead, Professor Reiner points to the more detailed evidence of the British Crime Survey, which was last carried out in 1988. It gathered information from a sample of 10,400 households in England and Wales. "The survey provides a fuller indication than is available from statistics reported by the police of the extent of certain types of crime in the country," it claims.

Particularly interesting is its classification of the country by "Acorn" areas, an acronym for A Classification Of Residential Neighbourhoods, based on the demographic, employment and housing characteristics of their immediate area. It confirmed the widespread view that rural areas are safer than urban ones.

"The reasons are a whole set of social characteristics which lead to lower levels of crime and higher levels of public order," Professor Reiner says. The lay-out of villages and small towns creates naturally defensible space, while villagers provide mutual surveillance of other people's property. "Strangers stick out a mile," Professor Reiner says.

The use of cameras in inner cities, with their high rises and deck-access blocks, has been an attempt to recreate the conditions in smaller, more traditionally laid-out towns. "Such cameras are an attempt to find a technological equivalent," Professor Reiner says.

It is too soon to talk of the success of such methods. "Far too little work has been done to properly evaluate such techniques," Professor Reiner says.

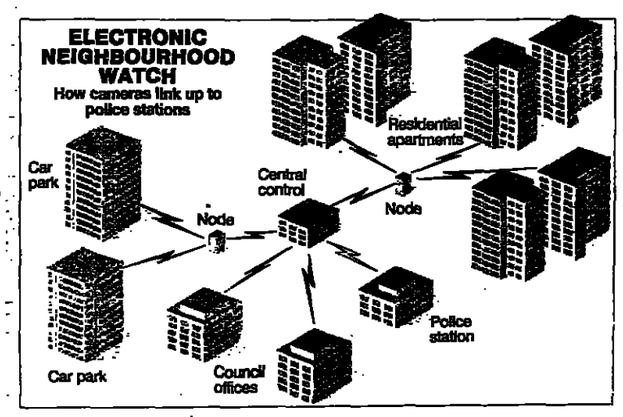
King's Lynn council in Norfolk is one local authority that believes in the benefits of installing a remote surveillance system. At its simplest, the system consists of closed-circuit television cameras sending back pictures to monitors.

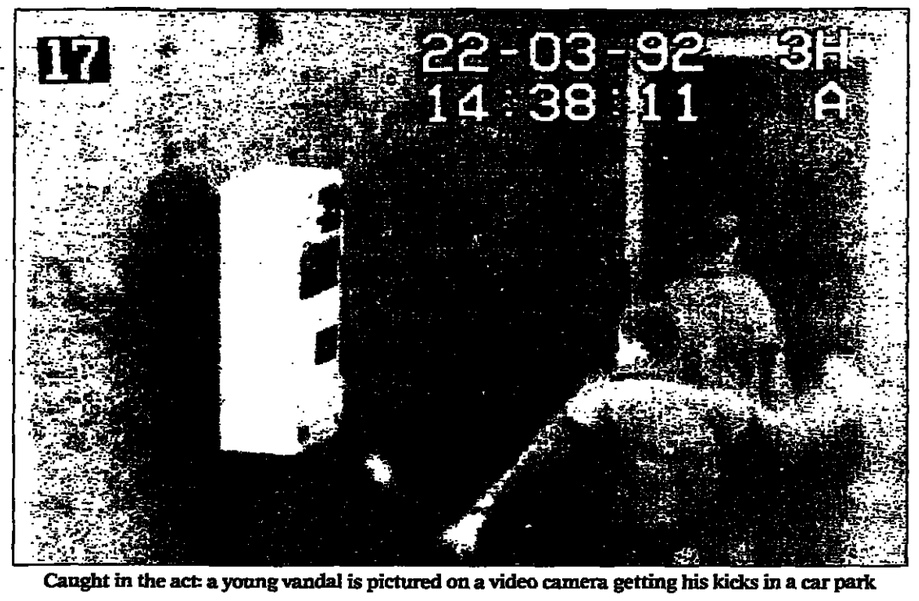
King's Lynn was worried about increasing levels of car crime, vandalism and theft in public places, housing estates included, and became the first British town to adopt closed-circuit television. Installed in February last year, 46 closed-circuit cameras monitor key locations. Anything suspicious, and the operator can contact the police and transmit the picture to them. Police can evaluate the seriousness of any incident before allocating resources. Operators can make a second copy of the picture, date, time and location included, which can be used for evidence should an arrest be made.

In the three weeks after the system went live, local police made 16 arrests. From an average of two or three car thefts a week, car crime was down to one theft in three months. The system also cut damage to cars in car parks almost completely, from three or four incidents a week.

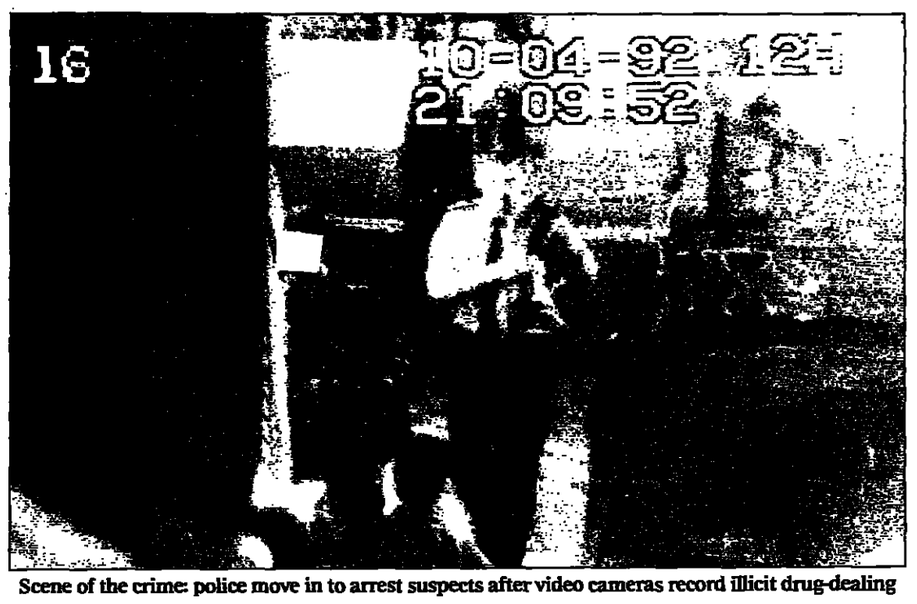
At the Hillington Square housing estate, vandalism and graffiti have virtually stopped. In addition to the closed circuit television, the police recommend the usual steps for home-owners: a robust door, letter boxes a minimum of 16in from door locks, good lighting and alarms.

The television system is attractive because it is almost self-funding. The £180,000 annual running costs are covered by those companies and bodies which have a camera sited on their property contributing £1,000 per camera, and from an increase of 10p per ticket for the car parks.





Caught in the act: a young vandal is pictured on a video camera getting his kicks in a car park



Scene of the crime: police move in to arrest suspects after video cameras record illicit drug-dealing

Barrie Loftus, from King's Lynn council, says: "What we have achieved is to take away the fear of crime. The cameras help to make people feel safer."

While remote surveillance cameras are helping to prevent crime in existing urban areas, developers are working to prevent crime in new housing estates. Just as the police once put pressure on car manufacturers to include crime prevention measures in their car designs, now the pressure is on developers to include crime prevention measures in the design of estates and homes.

Police in Sussex say that not one of the 1,800 homes which have been built in Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Brighton and Crawley incorporating measures under a "Secured by Design" initiative have been burgled. Practically all of the 43 police forces in England and Wales have adapted the initiative, which can cost as little as £300 extra a house.

Measures depend on the crime profile of the area, evaluated by the police before building starts. For high-risk areas, the police recommend building a 1.8-metre high, closely-boarded fence around the perimeter; the estate should be well-lit and designed so that foot paths are overlooked and that landscaping avoids providing hiding places. Low prickly bushes deter criminals.

Estates should have features to emphasise that they are private property: pillared gates, a change of road surface on entry from the public road, and a cul-de-sac design. To help to avoid car theft, parking spaces should be in view of residents. Many such design features already exist in rural communities. The message of the crime figures? Stay put in your thatched cottage.

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Parma reach European peaks from swift climb

By Our Sports Staff

PARMA, in only their third season in the Italian premier division, will start as firm favourites to secure the European Cup Winners' Cup for the first time against Antwerp at Wembley tonight.

Seven seasons after climbing from the depths of the Italian third division, Parma hope to climax their rapid rise with victory against the Belgian side who admit they are surprise finalists.

But the Italian team, in their second season in Europe, will be hard hit by the expected loss of Faustino Asprilla, their Colombian striker, to a freak injury.

Asprilla, who possesses stunning pace and an unpredictable talent, gashed his leg when he trod on a bottle during a visit home last month and is unlikely even to be named among the substitutes, although a decision will be left as late as possible.

The Colombian was beginning to find his form in Italy's Serie A and scored the goal that ended the 58-match unbeaten run of AC Milan. He also netted twice in the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final, first leg, win over Atlético Madrid in Spain.

"It's one thing to run in a training session and another to play a tough match against the Belgians," Ivan Carminati, the Parma physiotherapist, said. "We can't afford to take a chance. We will wait for our final training session before deciding."

Parma's goal-scoring responsibilities are likely to rest on Alessandro Melli, who was recently called into the Italian national team. Daniele Zoratto, the midfield player, and the defender, Alberto Di Chiara, have also played for Italy this season, and Parma, fourth in the Italian league, will field two foreign internationals, Tomas Brolin, the Swedish midfielder, and the Belgian defender, Georges Grun.

Antwerp have got past the second round only once in 11 previous European campaigns, in the Uefa Cup in 1990, and with one win from four home ties this season, they accept they are underdogs. But they have hit good form recently and have an experienced squad with five Belgian internationals and five other players who have represented their countries.

"We're going to try to show the whole world and Europe that, although it may be a little bit surprising that we are in the final, we earned it and we deserve to be there," Walter Meeuws, their coach, said, while admitting that his original target had been to reach the second round.

"Normally Parma would be the favourites, but we have lost only three times in the last four months," he said. "We are not afraid, but we have a lot of respect for Parma."

Antwerp beat Spartak Moscow in the semi-finals at home but lost one and drew two of their matches in Belgium and needed a penalty shoot-out to overcome Glenavon, the part-timers from Northern Ireland, in the first round.

Meeuws, the former Belgium national team coach, will pick from a full squad. "Everyone wants to play at Wembley because it's the temple of football," he said. "For us, playing in Wembley is going to give our lads a boost of confidence. I hope it will be inspiring for us."

PARMA (probable): M Ballotta; A Benarrivo, A Di Chiara, L Minotti, L Apolloni, G Grun, A Melli, D Zoratto, M Osio, S Cuoghi, T Brolin. ANTWERP (from): S Stojanovic, W De Coninck; N Broeckaert, G Emmerechts, W Kiekens, R Taeymans, R Smidts, P Van Veirdeghem, P Van Hout, N Moukrim, D Segers, R Van Rethy, G De Graef, A Czerniyatinski, H-P Lehnhoff, W Vincent, F Severeyns, D Jakovljevic.

Nervous Javer hoping to halt decline

By Christopher Irvine

GREAT Britain's women tennis players, although unaccustomed to the role of big fish in a little pond, duly swallowed Lithuania yesterday, but the potential for embarrassment still remains in the Europe/Africa zone of the Federation Cup qualifying tournament at Nottingham.

The Russians provide the opposition today and are unlikely to be as obliging. Ukraine, although a good deal weaker, have still to be beaten if Britain are to secure a seeded position in Saturday's play-offs and earn a place among the leading tennis nations in the finals in Frankfurt in July.

Clare Wood, as she was in the tie against Luxembourg on Monday, was by far the more convincing of the two British singles players. Monique Javer's struggles in a 6-4, 6-1 victory were as much with herself as her 17-year-old opponent.

Javer says that she no longer looks at her computer ranking, which is just as well for she has fallen 120 places in five months. Not that she would have been able to find the name of Edita Liachoviciute on the list. The Lithuanian has the gentlest of serves and an erratic collection of ground strokes, but the California-based British player sprayed her returns to the outer reaches of the court in the first set.

When she finally tamed the wind and her own nerves in the second set, Javer ran out a comfortable winner, a new experience after her fall down the rankings to No 193. She hopes training with her new coach, Mike Wayman, back in San Francisco, will lead to a rapid improvement.

Wood, first choice for the singles after the withdrawal of Jo Durie, overcame Galina Misiurova 6-1, 6-2 despite dropping serve twice in the second set. But she broke back immediately on each occasion and sealed the tie with one of her searing forehand returns of service.

RESULTS: Pool C: Great Britain bt Lithuania, 3-0 (M Javer bt E Liachoviciute, 6-4, 6-1; C Wood bt G Misiurova, 6-1, 6-2; Wood and J Salmon bt Liachoviciute and Misiurova, 6-4, 6-1); Luxembourg bt Ukraine, 2-1. Pool A: Croatia bt Estonia, 3-0, Turkey bt Malta, 2-1. Pool B: Norway bt Senegal, 3-0; Belgium bt Ireland, 3-0. Pool D: Latvia bt Hungary, 2-1. Pool E: Zimbabwe bt Tunisia, 2-1; Slovenia bt Greece, 2-1

☐ Ivan Lendl was beaten 6-2, 6-1 by Mercelo Filippini, of Uruguay, in the first round of the Italian Open in Rome yesterday.

ROSS KINNAIRD



High bounce: Wood was at full stretch to make this double-handed return

Whitaker has able deputy in Grannusch

By Jenny MacArthur

JOHN Whitaker, the runner-up in the World Cup last month, heads a high-quality field for the Royal Windsor Horse Show, which starts today in Home Park, at the foot of Windsor Castle.

Whitaker is resting his two top horses, Everest Milton and Gammon, whose double clear round in the Nations Cup in Rome two weeks ago lifted Britain into second place. But he has a good substitute in Grannusch, the horse on which he won the opening leg of the World Cup final last month.

The opposition he faces this week includes the other three members of the Nations Cup team: his younger brother, Michael, who is riding Everest Monsanta and Polydektes, Nick Skelton, who has Everest Florida and Limited Edition, and Warren Clarke, who made an impressive debut in Rome, with Benjamin II. David Broome competes with only one horse, Ancit Lannegan.

The two Whitakers and Skelton are favourites for the new Toyota British Horsemaster on Saturday, in which the four best riders from four competitions — the two grade A classes today and tomorrow, the Leverton Accumulator and the De Lage Landen Prix on Friday — will qualify for the final. Each rider then rides each of the four horses.

Toyota is offering a car worth £11,500 if any rider has four clear rounds. John Whitaker, despite his tally of "forty-something cars", described the bonus as "a great incentive".

The women are led by Marie Edgar, who will defend her national title in the Lucas Ladies Jumping championship on Friday. Her mother, Liz, who has been national champion four times, also competes.

Veronique Whitaker may miss the women's event in order to compete in the grand prix later that evening. "It's the difference between winning £500 and £3,000," Whitaker said. "I'll wait to see how Fol Amour is going before I make up my mind."

The most competitive event at the show is likely to be the Harrods International Driving grand prix. The entries include Jan-Erik Pahlsson, the former world champion, and George Bowman, the winner at Brighton last weekend and the British national champion a record 14 times.

In the event for teams of ponies, the Duke of Edinburgh, who was third at Brighton with the Queen's team of Black Fells, will again be challenged by Georgina Frith and her team of Welsh ponies, who won at Brighton.

Other highlights include the Ridden Hunters and the Hermes grand prix dressage tomorrow, and displays by the Household Cavalry and The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

Mansell on track for Indy 500 challenge

By Oliver Holt

NIGEL Mansell will begin his assault on the Indianapolis 500 at the Motor Speedway circuit today, a spokesman for his Newman-Haas team said last night.

His ability to take part in an obligatory "rookie test" for the showpiece event of the IndyCar series had been in doubt since he underwent an operation to remedy back injuries he sustained in a crash during practice at Phoenix, Arizona, at the beginning of April.

He was excused participation in the first round of tests two weeks ago, but they were rescheduled to begin today. The spokesman said Mansell was expected to have his stitches removed and then fly to Indianapolis from his home in Florida. "He will have a medical examination when he arrives, but the bottom line is, expect him on the track tomorrow," the spokesman said.

The rookie tests are designed to acquaint first-time drivers with the speedway and gauge their suitability to compete. They are then free to take part in practice and qualifying sessions on May 30.

If Mansell is not passed fit to take the test, it will be another serious blow to his chances of claiming one of the biggest prizes in motor sport. To win at Indianapolis, in what would be his first race on an oval, would give him what he craves, a place alongside motor-racing greats.

Nelson Piquet's attempt to compete in the race for the first time, after crashing during practice there last year, had a setback on Monday when he was involved in a 200mph accident. He walked away unhurt.

Halifax sent down by Barnet penalty

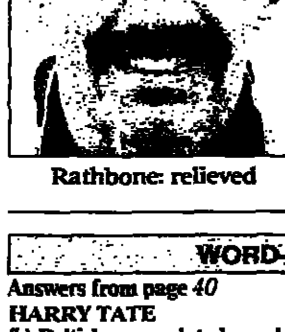
HALIFAX Town will play in the GM Vauxhall Conference next season after the Football League decided to fine Barnet £25,000 for alleged financial irregularities, but not to demote them.

The Yorkshire club finished bottom of the third division while Barnet were promoted to the second, but a league enquiry into Barnet's troubles left the final outcome in doubt.

"I am quite glad, really, because I would have hated us to have stayed up that way," Mick Rathbone, the Halifax manager, said. "It would have been terrible if Barnet had been booted out and very unfair on the players, fans and staff there.

"Obviously, we were desperate to stay in the Football League, but at the end of the day we weren't good enough and didn't deserve to." He confirmed that the club will continue to play at the council-owned Shay stadium.

"In a sense dropping into the Conference could turn out to be the best thing that could happen to us. We've got a very young side and eight new YTS lads joining in July, and this gives them a chance to develop and hopefully get used to winning matches."



Rathbone: relieved

☐ Rhodri Giggs, the 16-year-old brother of Ryan Giggs, the Manchester United and Wales winger, is to sign a two-year Youth Training Scheme contract with Torquay United, of the third division.

☐ Rob Hindmarch, Wolverhampton Wanderers' former club captain, signed from Derby three years ago for £350,000, is one of five players to be given free transfers. The others are Keith Downing, Tim Steele, Lawrie Madden and Colin Taylor.

☐ Six former directors of Maidstone United, who resigned from the Football League in August, were yesterday charged with misconduct by the Football Association. Among those charged was the director and former chairman, Jim Thompson, an FA Councillor, who was also a director at Dartford.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

HARRY TATE

(b) British noun, dated, used attributively or in the possessive to designate something incompetent or disorderly, or a condition of nervous excitement or irritability, from the stage name of R. M. Hutchinson (1872-1940), British music-hall comedian, in sense 2, rhyming slang for "state". *British Journal of Psychology*, 1935: "Native courts have been established in Uganda. Their methods have been described as Harry Tate procedure: but they are generally successful at arriving at the facts."

BORAK

(c) Australian and New Zealand, nonsense, humbug, banter, esp. in the phrase *to poke the borak* to make or poke fun, 1845-, from the Aboriginal Wathawurung *burag*, X. Herbert, 1975: "The old boy had been poking borak at him about anthropology."

SMELLER

(a) Dated noun for a heavy fall, esp. in the phrase *to come a smeller*, 1923-, perhaps from the notion of smelling the ground; P. G. Wodehouse, 1934: "A man's brain whizzes along for years exceeding the speed limit, and then somethingh suddenly goes wrong with the steering gear and it skids and comes a smeller in the ditch."

SYSOP

(a) Originally US, a person responsible for (or assisting in) the day-to-day running of a computer system, a system operator, 1983-, abbrev. of *system operator*. *Telelink*: "Operational initially for 20 hours a day, the board will eventually feature up to 16 subboards, each run by separate sysops."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: the black king was sucked into the white position and mated after 1 Nb5+! Kb6 (1 ... cxb5 2 Qxb7 mate) 2 Qa7+ Kxb5 3 a4+ Kb4 4 Qb6.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 6, San Diego Padres 5; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; New York Mets 1, Florida Marlins 0; Chicago Cubs 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Houston Astros 5, Atlanta Braves 2; Colorado Rockies 7, San Francisco Giants 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 2, New York Yankees 1 (10 inns), Baltimore Orioles 2, Boston Red Sox 1; Chicago White Sox 13, Seattle Mariners 2; Texas Rangers 7, Oakland Athletics 4; Minnesota Twins 13, California Angels 3

BRITISH FEDERATION (BBF): National premier: North league: Leeds City Royals 12, Firtry Braves 2; Nottingham Hornets 27, Tayside Cobras 8; Humberside Mets 19, Humberside Warriors 2; Humberside Mets 5, Humberside Warriors 1 Northern Scottish conference: Tayside Cobras II 16, Glasgow Comets 24, Dalriada Demons 11, Dundee Dodgers 17; Clyde Valley Knights 12, West Lothian Wildcats 24.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Second round: Western conference: Semi-finals: Seattle SuperSonics 99, Houston Rockets 90 (Seattle lead best-of-seven series 1-0)

BOXING

TAMPERE, Finland: World amateur championships: First round: Featherweight: J Wheeler (US) bt P Griffin (Ire), pts; I Chomei (Moldavia) bt B Carr (Scot), pts.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: 15th stage (Santo Domingo to Santander, 226km): 1, D-O Lauritzen (Nor), 5hr 49min 15sec; 2, L Jalabert (Fr), 2sec behind; 3, A Gutiérrez (Sp), 4, A Saitov (Russ), 5, J-C González Salvador (Sp), 6, E Anguita (Sp), all same time. Overall positions: 1, A Rominger (Switz), 68hr, 47min, 31sec; 2, A Zülle (Switz), 33sec behind, 3, L Cubino (Sp), 3:40 behind, 4, O Rincon (Col), 6:14 behind. TOUR DUPONT: Fifth stage (Front Royal to Massanutten Resort, Virginia, 99.9 miles) 1, L Armstrong (US), 4hr 18min 33sec, 2, A Kvalsvoll (Nor), 4:18:36; 3, J Muller (Switz), 4:18 37. Overall: 1, R Alcala (Mex), 18hr 28min 27sec; 2, L Armstrong (US), at 22sec; 3, B Bowen (US) at 1min 1sec. British placing: 8, M Elliott, at 1:28.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone: Group D: Hong Kong 2, India 1,

Late results on Monday

FA YOUTH CUP: Final, first leg: Manchester United 0, Leeds 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Derby 2, Coventry 1; Middlesbrough 2, Burnley 0; Oldham 4, Scunthorpe 0

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Torquay 1, Yeovil 4.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: British Gas Trophy: Final, second leg: Liverpool 1, Sheffield 0 (agg: 3-2) Yorkshire Trophy final: Leeds 0, Barnsley 1 Cobbin Cup final: Nottingham 4, Worksop 1 English Adidas Trophy Regional final: Devon 1, Avon 0.

GOLF

GLENEAGLES: Golf Foundation team championship for schools: International final: First day: 217: France 218: Australia 230: Sweden 231: New Zealand 234: Ireland (J Geraghty 74, S Fitzpatrick 77, K Condren 83), 236: Scotland (G Fox 78, D Fleming 82, G Vogwell 76), 237: Holland 239: England (P Williams 74, E Sharpe 86, S Excell 79), 241: Wales (C Reeves 78, M Thomas 78, B Templeton 85); Germany (D Smolin 86, P Zillmer 77, V Smolin 78).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Second round: Patrick division finals: Pittsburgh Penguins 6, New York Islanders 3 (Pittsburgh lead best-of-seven series 3-2)

MODERN PENTATHLON

MILTON KEYNES: National triathlon championships: Men: Class 1: 1, S Morgan (Army), 3,463pts, 2, D Sweeting (Seahorses), 3,355; 3, A Price (Royal Navy), 3,144. Team: Army MPA, 9,519. Women: Class 1: 1, R Wilmot (East Midlands), 3,327, 2, J Crowe (Fareham Nomads), 3,114, 3, N Andrews (East Independent), 3,062.

TABLE TENNIS

GOTHENBURG: World team championships: Men: First round: Group A: South Korea bt England, 3-0; China bt Austria, 3-1, Japan bt United States, 3-0; Belgium bt Poland, 3-1. Group B: Germany bt Canada, 3-0; Russia bt Italy, 3-1, Sweden bt Czech Republic, 3-0; North Korea bt France, 3-2. Group C: Wales bt Thailand, 3-0; Uzbekistan bt Bahrain, 3-2. Group D: Mexico bt Cyprus, 3-0; Lithuania wo Turkmenistan, scr. Group E: Egypt wo UAE, scr; Belorussia wo Tanzania, scr. Group F: Scotland bt Argentina, 3-1; Armenia bt Kuwait, 3-1 Group G: Portugal bt Jordan, 3-0, Ukraine bt Uganda, 3-0. Group M: Greece bt Guatemala, 3-0; Latvia bt Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3-1. Group R: Ireland bt Malta, 3-0; Algeria wo Sudan, scr Group T: Slovenia bt Iceland, 3-0, Georgia bt Ghana, 3-1

Women: First round: Group A: Hungary bt Sweden, 3-1; Germany bt Denmark, 3-0; China bt United States, 3-0; North Korea bt Romania, 3-0. Group B: Hong Kong bt Japan, 3-2; Russia bt France, 3-0; England bt Finland, 3-0. South Korea bt Slovakia, 3-0 Group C: Spain bt Mexico, 3-0; Iceland wo Thailand, scr; Croatia bt Jordan, 3-0. Group D: Israel bt Ireland, 3-0; Nigeria bt Malta, 3-0; Kazakhstan bt Barbados, 3-0 Group E: Slovenia bt Peru, 3-0; Italy bt Sri Lanka, 3-1. Belorussia bt Chile, 3-0 Group F: Greece bt Turkey, 3-0, Canada bt New Zealand, 3-0; Latvia wo Ecuador, scr. Group G: Colombia wo Guatemala, scr; Australia bt Cyprus, 3-0; Uzbekistan bt Trinidad and Tobago, 3-0; Brazil bt South Africa, 3-0. Group H: Scotland bt Uganda, 3-0; Indonesia bt Wales, 3-0; Armenia bt Namibia, 3-0 Group J: Egypt wo Tanzania, scr. Austria bt Switzerland, 3-0; Estonia wo Turkmenistan, scr. Group K: Ukraine bt Norway, 3-0; Luxembourg bt Pakistan, 3-0; Lithuania bt Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3-1.

REAL TENNIS

HATFIELD HOUSE: Chetwood Trophy: Handicap Singles: Semi-finals: O Parkinson bt N McGregor, 8-2; F Myers bt R McCarthy, 8-4 Final: Parkinson bt Myers, 6-2, 6-4

TENNIS

BERLIN: German women's open: First round: M Kochta (Ger) bt N Medvedova (Ukr), 6-1, 6-3. K Adams (US) bt M Zvec-Skuij (Ger), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; L Meskhi (Geo) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-4, 6-4; H Rusch (Ger) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-3, 6-4; M Oremans (Holl) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; S Stafford (US) bt B Fulco-Villella (Arg), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; F Labat (Arg) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-0, 7-6; J Wiesner (Austria) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-2, 6-1; S Hack (Ger) bt P Hy (Can), 6-2, 6-0; N Provis (Aus) bt S Frankl (Ger), 6-2, 6-3; N Zvereva (Russ) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt S Rottier (Holl), 6-4, 6-4; W Probst (Ger) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 6-2, 6-1; S Cecchini (It) bt P Begerow (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-0, 7-6, M Gaidano (Arg) bt R Simpson-Alter (Can), 6-2, 6-2. Second round: A Grossman (US) bt N Zvereva (Belorussia), 7-5, 6-0; S Graf (Ger) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-0, 6-2.

ROME: Italian Open: Men's tournament: First round: K Carlsen (Den) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt S Pescosolido (It), 6-4, 6-2; M Filippini (Uru) bt I Lendl (US), 6-2, 6-1; M Chang (US) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-3, 6-3; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-3, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-4, 6-3; C Pistolesi (It) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 6-3, 6-3; N Kulti (Swe) bt G Marx (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; A Gaudenzi (It) bt F Roig (Sp), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; G Raoux (Fr) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-1; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt M Ondruska (SA), 7-6, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt F Fontang (Fr), 6-2, 6-1; J Courier (US) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-2, 6-1.

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida: Men's tournament: First round: W Masur (Aus) bt C Adams (US), 7-5, 6-2; D Wheaton (US) bt M Aurelio Gorriz (Sp), 7-6 (7-5), 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt B Dunn (US), 6-3, 6-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; G Schaller (Austria) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; J Carlsson (Swe) bt I Baron (US), 6-4, 6-2; M Pernfors (Swe) bt A Gomez (Ec) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; A Krickstein (US) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 6-3, 6-3.

BASINGSTOKE: LTA satellite tournament (England unless stated): Men: First round: B Larkham (Aus) bt S Hatte, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; T Kempers (Holl) bt S Scaiola (It), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; V Calvelli (It) bt C Ferreira (SA), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; C Beecher bt P Hand, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; R Matheson (Scot) bt M Gould, 7-5, 7-6. Second round: T Henman bt J Hunter, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; P Kilderry (Aus) bt Matheson, 6-4, 6-1. Women: First round: L Ahl bt R Mawdsley, 7-6, 6-3; N Egorova (Russ) bt J Humphreys (SA), 6-1, 2-6, 7-6; J Pullin bt H Hogh (Ger), 6-0, 6-1; C Billingham bt A Henningson (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; A Zhidkova (Russ) bt C Herbert, 6-3, 7-5; S Haas (Ger) bt S Piffori (It), 6-2, 6-3; A Woolcock (Aus) bt Z Mellis, 6-1, 6-2. Second round: Ahl bt K Warne-Holland, 6-3, 7-6; K Cross (Devon) bt L Woodroffe (Surrey), 6-1, 6-1; Egorova bt Pullin, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; Woolcock bt C Taylor, 6-3, 6-0; V Lake (Devon) bt P Piorkowski (US), 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; R Surova (Cz) bt Billingham, 6-4, 6-3, M Vallin (Swe) bt Zhidkova, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; V Humphreys-Davies bt Haas, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton) 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding) 1,975 miles; 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden) 1,998, 3, Commercial Union (R Merriweather) 1,999, 4, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray) 2,010; 5, British Steel II (R Tudor) 2,017, 6, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips) 2,026, 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry) 2,050, 8, Interspray (P Jeffes) 2,098; 9, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss) 2,189; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan) 2,318.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Cup Winners' Cup Final

Antwerp v Parma (at Wembley, 7.15)

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v Rangers (7.30)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Bolton (7.0); Newcastle v Man City (7.0); Nottm Forest v Stoke (7.0). Second division: Derby v Port Vale (7.0); Huddersfield v Middlesbrough (7.30). Hull v Grimsby (7.0); Scunthorpe v Blackpool (7.0); West Brom v Burnley (7.0).

MERVYN BROWN MEMORIAL MATCH: Aston Villa v Man Utd (at Windsor Park, 7.30)

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Northwich.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derby v Durham. Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex. Ammanford: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire. Maidstone: Kent v Warwickshire. Manchester: Lancashire v Leicestershire. Harrow: Middlesex v Northamptonshire. Old Hill: Worcestershire v Somerset.

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Federation Cup Qualifying round (Nottingham), LTA spring satellite tournament (Basingstoke)

PERTH

THUNDERER

6.20 Denim Blue. 6.50 Dolitino. 7.20 Mutual Trust. 7.50 Bavard Bay. 8.20 Sandybraes. 8.50 Bay Tern.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.20 TAMDHU 10 YO SINGLE MALT MAIDEN HURDLE (4-Y-0: £1,882: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 00P5 BELIEVE IT 44 N Waggott 11-0 ... A Merrigan
2 0 CLAN REEL 20 R Goldie 11-0 ... K Johnson
3 004 DENIM BLUE W Reed 11-0 ... T Reed
4 IMPORTANT RISK 641F B Mactaggart 11-0 ... R Hodge
5 00 MARCO-PIERRE 20 N Alexander 11-0 ... NON-RUNNER
6 P0P0 RAP UP FAST 4 (B) N Waggott 11-0 ... P Waggott (5)
7 4U53 ROYAL VACATION 12 G Moore 11-0 ... J Callaghan
8 36F4 BIN LID 37 G Richards 10-9 ... G McCourt
9 402 INDIAN SWALLOW 30 D Nicholson 10-9 ... R Dunwoody
10 4322 MYSTIC MEMORY 51 36F (BF) Mrs M Reveley 10-9 ... P Niven
11 30 RICH HEIRESS 12 V Thompson 10-9 ... A Dobbin (3)
12 3044 SHAYNA MAIDEL 6 J Berry 10-9 ... D J Moffatt (3)

11-8 Mystic Memory, 2-1 Indian Swallow, 4-1 Royal Vacation, 8-1 Bin Lid, 12-1 Denim Blue, 16-1 Shayna Maidel, 33-1 Believe It, 50-1 Rich Heiress, 100-1 Clan Reel, Important Risk, Rap Up Fast.

6.50 PINTAIL SHERRY MAIDEN CHASE (£2,130: 2m) (8)

1 43P5 ABERCROMBY COMET 21 B Mactaggart 8-11-8 ... R Hodge
2 /U DROMINA STAR 988 Mrs S Bradburne 12-11-6 ... P Williams (5)
3 603P MASTER MISCHIEF 20 (B) F Walton 8-11-6 ... K Johnson
4 2355 MOSS BEE 18 W Reed 6-11-6 ... T Reed
5 4056 PIT PONY 4 (V,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-11-6 ... L O'Hara
6 0-PP THATS NOT GOSSIP 57 S Pittendrigh 7-11-6 Mr S Pittendrigh (7)
7 00F4 BRIGHT POLLY 21 J Haldane 7-11-1 ... A Merrigan
8 0435 DOLITINO 18 Miss Z Green 9-11-1 ... G McCourt

3-1 Moss Bee, 7-2 Abercromby Comet, 4-1 Master Mischief, Pit Pony, 9-2 Dolitino, 12-1 Bright Polly, 33-1 Dromina Star, 50-1 Thats Not Gossip

7.20 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,814: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 1411 MUTUAL TRUST 19 (CD,G,S) G Richards 9-11-10 ... N Doughty
2 U3C5 ON THE HOOCH 4 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-1 ... P Williams (5)
3 420U LAPIAFFE 4 (D,F,G,S) A Harrison 9-10-13 ... R Dunwoody
4 46F2 MERITMOORE 11 (B,D,F,G,S) G Moore 10-10-13. J Callaghan
5 2414 POSITIVE ACTION 7 (F,S) M Barnes 7-10-11 ... A Dobbin (3)
6 2031 PORTAVOGIE 4 (B,D,F,G,S) C Parker 9-10-11 (6ex) ... Mr D Parker (7)
7 0PUP DEADLINE 7 (B,D,G,S) S Chadwick 10-10-1 ... S Lyons (5)

2-1 Mutual Trust, 4-1 Meritmoore, 5-1 Positive Action, 11-2 On The Hooch, 7-1 Portavogie, 8-1 Lapiaffe, 14-1 Deadline

7.50 BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YO SINGLE MALT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,018: 3m 110yd) (13)

1 4015 BLUE DISC 5F (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 0UP1 BAVARD BAY 11 (V,S) G Richards 9-11-6 ... G McCourt
3 -00P DAWN COYOTE 11 (D,S) Mrs S Taylor 10-11-1 ... G Harker
4 1153 VALSEUR 6 (CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 4-10-10 ... F Perratt (7)
5 U020 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 6 R Whitaker 5-10-4 ... C Hawkins
6 5454 TREBONKERS 19 (D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-2 ... P Williams (5)
7 00FF BAWNRUADH 19 (CD,G) T Dyer 8-10-1 ... A Linton (7)
8 5030 SHERMAGO 12 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 11-10-1 ... A Orkney
9 0004 REKLAW 82 (B) S Chadwick 6-10-0 ... S Lyons (5)
10 PPP0 SOLENT LAD 4 (B,F,G,S) B Stevens 10-10-0 ... M Stevens (7)
11 -030 LADY BE BRAVE 116 W Storey 10-10-0 ... K Doolan
12 0P00 CAPTAIN TEACH 26 P Monteith 7-10-0 ... A Dobbin (3)
13 6040 AUGUST 6 (F) J Ford 12-10-0 ... P Waggott (5)

7-2 Valseur, 4-1 Bavard Bay, 5-1 Blue Disc, 6-1 Solent Lad, 7-1 One For The Chief, 10-1 Dawn Coyote, Trebonkers, 12-1 Shermago, 16-1 Lady Be Brave, August, 20-1 Reklaw, 25-1 Bawnruadh, Captain Teach.

8.20 HIGHLAND PARK 12 YO SINGLE MALT NOVICES CHASE (£2,463: 3m) (7)

1 12PP BETTER TIMES AHEAD 25 (D,G,S) G Richards 7-11-13 ... N Doughty
2 6122 CAROUSEL CALYPSO 6 (D,G,S) M Hammond 7-11-13 ... P Niven
3 2311 FORTH AND TAY 20 (CD,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 11-11-13 ... P Williams (5)
4 311U SANDYBRAES 25 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-13 ... R Dunwoody
5 6233 EQUATOR 14 (S) J Haldane 10-11-3 ... A Merrigan
6 -P44 MR MAYFAIR 70 (S) J Edwards 10-11-3 ... C Grant
7 2F3U GONE ASTRAY 11 (S) F Walton 8-10-12 ... K Johnson

2-1 Better Times Ahead, 5-2 Sandybraes, 7-2 Carousel Calypso, 5-1 Forth And Tay, 14-1 Mr Mayfair, 20-1 Equator, 33-1 Gone Astray

8.50 FAMOUS GROUSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,955: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 1053 PREOBLAKENSKY 14 (D,G,S) G Richards 6-11-10 B Harding (3)
2 2121 BAY TERN 14 (CD,F,G,S) T Dyer 7-11-8 ... A Linton (7)
3 1P2F SRIVIJAYA 26 13F (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7 ... D Ryan (5)
4 1151 FAMILY LINE 25 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-10-8 NON-RUNNER
5 3852 BEAUCADEAU 7 (D,F) M Barnes 7-10-4 ... P Waggott
6 6621 ARAGON AYR 20 13F (CD,S) P Monteith 5-10-0 ... D J Moffatt
7 4300 CHIC AND ELITE 126 (F) J O Neill 6-10-0 ... A Dobbin
8 503P ALOSAILI 12 (CD,G) B Stevens 6-10-0 ... M Stevens (3)
9 -000 LOCHEART LADY 11 (G) A Stringer 6-10-0 ... A Lamach

5-2 Bay Tern, 3-1 Srivijaya, 4-1 Preoblakensky, 9-2 Aragon Ayr, 7-1 Beaucadeau, 10-1 Chic And Elite, 16-1 Alosaili, 25-1 Locheart Lady

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 11 winners from 36 runners, 30.6%. Miss L Perratt, 9 from 30, 30%; M Hammond, 12 from 41, 29.3%, L Lungo, 4 from 14, 28.6%, G Moore, 13 from 64, 20.3%, P Monteith, 13 from 68, 19.1%

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 17 winners from 56 rides, 30.4%, P Niven, 20 from 77, 26%, K Johnson, 9 from 39, 23.1%; S Lyons, 5 from 23, 21.7%, N Doughty, 17 from 84, 20.2%, L O'Hara, 11 from 59, 18.6%

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Marillette advances classic case

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

CAN a strong-willed filly, beaten twice in nurseries last year, end the classic drought endured by Shaikh Mohammed since 1989? Marillette, who specialises in dropping her jockeys on the ground, was promoted to joint-favouritism for the Energizer Oaks by Ladbrokes yesterday after flooring Sueboog, the 2-1 *on* favourite, in the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York.

On a glorious opening day to the May meeting, where the testing, rain-sodden Knavesmire contrasted sharply with the warm sunshine, an upset in the day's classic trial looked out of the question two furlongs from home. After cruising behind the leaders with a motionless Walter Swinburn on board, Sueboog swept into the lead only to struggle and sway in the sticky ground within a few strides.

For a moment it appeared that Iviza, the preferred mount of Shaikh Mohammed's retained rider, Michael Roberts, would prevail as she headed the tiring Sueboog. However, as they fought out their private battle, Pat Eddery coaxed Marillette along a faster strip of ground by the far rail to win by a length.

John Gosden, the winning trainer, said: "Pat Eddery said after the Prix Marcel Boussac last year, where Marillette was stopped badly, to forget about the Guineas and aim for the Oaks. She's a character and we raced her a lot last year because she is tricky to handle. She can whip round, and duck and dive. The first time she ran she dumped Walter Swinburn twice."

Marillette, whose Keeneland price tag of $475,000 made her the most expensive yearling sold at public auction in 1991, has now been partnered to each of her five victories by Eddery.

Ladbrokes had no hesitation making her 5-1 joint-favourite with Wemyss Bight, the Fabre-Abdulla filly who runs at Saint-Cloud on Friday. Corals originally offered 10-1 but, after having their Barking telephone lines jammed by backers, at least that was their representative Wally Pyrah's excuse, the price was cut to 7-1. William Hill retreated in similar style and 8-1 quickly became 7-1.

Being by Diesis, there must be a question mark about Marillette's ability to see out the Oaks trip, although the way in which she relaxes and switches off during a race will help to conserve her energy.

The ever-optimistic Clive Brittain was undeterred by the eclipse of Sueboog. "What is defeat?" he reasoned. "It is a stepping stone to success."

Swinburn was less certain. "She went from one extreme to another and in the last furlong was out on her feet. She was shattered and something must have been wrong."

Bashayer, beaten at Chester, where Willie Carson dropped his hands, still has a strong chance of contesting the Oaks. She may run in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood next week. Yawl, the former antepost Oaks favourite, is a definite Lupe runner. She missed York due to a slight cough but delighted Barry Hills yesterday with her best piece of work this year on the gallops. Pat Eddery will ride.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Nosing ahead: Branston Abby, right, gains a narrow victory in the sprint handicap at York yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ARTISTIC REEF
(7.35 Kempton)
Next best: Fourforfun
(8.35 Kempton)

YORK

THUNDERER
2.00 Stonehatch. 2.30 Dayflower. 3.00 Beau Venture. 3.35 Tenby. 4.05 Imperial Ballet. 4.35 **CASTEDDU** (nap).
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Greatest.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 DALTON CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,017: 6f) (10 runners)

101 (10) 01 RAVEN'S RETURN 16 (S) (A Hill) R Hollinshead 8-13 ... S Parks 72
102 (4) 5 ALCOVE 18 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Piggott 80
103 (6) 1 BROCTUNE GOLD 9 (S) (D Playforth) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 ... K Darley 90
104 (7) 3 GREATEST 27 (Miss T Sammond) R Armstrong 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 80
105 (2) 001 HILTONS TRAVEL 13 (V,S) (Mrs D Jones) E Alston 8-11 ... S Webster 78
106 (9) 0 SHUTTLECOCK 39 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-11 ... Dale Gibson –
107 (3) STONEHATCH (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... J Reid –
108 (1) TIME STAR (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... A Munro –
109 (8) 21 SINNERS REPRIEVE 9 (G) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 8-8 ... M Birch 93
110 (5) 612 CYARNA QUINN 16 (S) (M Quinn) M Channon 8-6 ... G Duffield 99

BETTING: 9-4 Broctune Gold, 100-30 Alcove, 4-1 Stonehatch, 8-1 Greatest, Sinners Reprieve, 10-1 others.

1992: POWER OF POLLY 9-3 T Quinn (3-1 fav) P Cole 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAVEN'S RETURN beat Persian Heritage a short head in a 13-runner maiden at Pontefract (5f, soft). ALCOVE 5l 5th of 14 to Montaya in a maiden at Sandown (5f, good to soft). BROCTUNE GOLD beat Antananarivo ¾l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Newcastle (5f, good to soft). GREATEST 4¼l 3rd of 9 to Wajiba Riva in a maiden at Newmarket (5f, good). SINNERS REPRIEVE beat Northern Celadon neck in 11-runner Doncaster (5f, good) maiden auction. CYARNA QUINN 2½l 2nd of 9 to Lemon Souffle in a conditions race at Windsor (5f, good to soft).
Selection: BROCTUNE GOLD

2.30 MIDDLETON CONDITIONS STAKES (C4)
(3-Y-O fillies: £5,024: 1m 2f 85yd) (6 runners)

201 (2) 51-25 DAYFLOWER 13 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) S Seemar (UAE) 8-10 W R Swinburn 99
202 (5) 31025- CHAIN DANCE 200 (G) (J Greetham) M Stoute 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 81
203 (6) 6- FROSTY MORNING 215 (A Saeed) C Brittain 8-8 ... W Carson –
204 (1) 513-0 HELVELLYN 32 (BF,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-8 ... M Roberts 82
205 (4) 3153- SPARK 281 (F) (C Elsey) C W Elsey 8-8 ... K Darley 72
206 (3) 1 VELVET HEART 18 (D,G) (G Milne) P Haslam 8-8 ... E Johnson 52

BETTING: 4-11 Dayflower, 4-1 Helvellyn, 15-2 Chain Dance, 33-1 Frosty Morning, 50-1 Spark, Velvet Heart.

1992: SKIMBLE 9-2 Pat Eddery (15-8 jt-fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAYFLOWER 2¾l 5th of 12 to Sayyedati in the group I Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good). CHAIN DANCE ½l 2nd of 16 to Brigante Di Cielo in a handicap at Ascot on penultimate start (7f, good to soft). FROSTY MORNING 15½l 6th of 7 to Rustic Craft in a maiden at Ascot (6f, good to soft). HELVELLYN 8l 3rd of 8 to Thawakib in a graduation race at Ascot on final start last season (7f, soft).
Selection: DAYFLOWER

3.00 HOMEOWNERS SPRINT HANDICAP (C4)
(£11,745: 5f) (17 runners)

301 (9) 22130-6 BUNTY BOO 11 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 4-10-0 ... S Sanders (7) 93
302 (17) 2121U-2 CRADLE DAYS 15 (D,F,G) (T Johnsey) R Hannon 4-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 89
303 (16) 0000-30 BEAU VENTURE 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 5-9-5 ... N Kennedy (3) 98
304 (12) 0030-42 PLAIN FACT 6 (D,F,G,S) (C Wright) J Hills 8-9-2 ... D Holland 98
305 (14) 8400-20 DOMINUET 18 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-9-1 ... J Lowe 97
306 (6) 6060-22 EAGER DEVA 43 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Faulkner) R Hollinshead 6-9-0 ... L Piggott 94
307 (10) 2300-11 GORINSKY 35 (F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-8-12 ... J Carroll 93
308 (1) 1046-24 INHERENT MAGIC 6 (D,BF,G) (Mrs S Stavold) M McCormack 4-8-11 ... W Carson 96
309 (2) 0601-05 DRUM SERGEANT 35 (B,C,D,F,S) (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-8-7 ... T Quinn 94
310 (5) 0000-00 PETRACO 6 (B,C,D,G,S) (B Hampson) L Codd 5-8-4 ... D Wright (7) 95
311 (4) 300-110 PENNY HASSET 16 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 5-8-4 ... K Darley 94
312 (15) 326624 TINO TERE 23 (CD,F,G) (B Durkan) J Berry 4-8-1 ... Claire Balding (7) 96
313 (11) 43600-3 GONDO 27 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 6-8-1 ... K Fallon 98
314 (13) 3200-01 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 19 (D,F) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-1 ... M Roberts 96
315 (7) 441523 MISTER JOLSON 5 (D,F,G,S) (J Murcall) R Hodges 4-7-10 ... J Quinn 95
316 (8) 6040-00 MACFARLANE 13 (D,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-7-9 ... F Norton 95
317 (3) 300-000 PAGEBOY 16 (B,F) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 4-7-8 ... Dale Gibson 99

BETTING: 8-1 Lord High Admiral, 9-1 Cradle Days, Inherent Magic, Plain Fact, 10-1 Gorinsky, 11-1 Drum Sergeant, 12-1 Bunty Boo, Gondo, Mister Jolson, 14-1 Beau Venture, Eager Deva, Penny Hasset, 16-1 others.

1992: FREDDIE LLOYD 3-8-7 Pat Eddery (6-1) N Callaghan 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUNTY BOO 3¾l 8th of 16 to Paris House in the group III Palace House Stakes at Newmarket (5f, good). CRADLE DAYS short-head 2nd of 8 to Case Law in a conditions race at Bath (5f, good). PLAIN FACT ½l 2nd of 9 to Stack Rock in a handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm), with INHERENT MAGIC (4lb better off) 2l 4th and PETRACO (11lb better off) 5l 7th.
GORINSKY beat Sartigila 1½l in a 19-runner handicap at Ripon (6f, good), with BEAU VENTURE (9lb better off) a neck 3rd, DRUM SERGEANT (8lb better off) ½l 5th and PAGEBOY 13th. GONDO 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Tommy Tempest in a handicap at Ripon (5f, soft). LORD HIGH ADMIRAL beat Bodari a neck in a 17-runner handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm), with MISTER JOLSON (2lb better off) ¾l 5th and PETRACO 15th.
Selection: LORD HIGH ADMIRAL

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.35 TOTE DANTE STAKES (C4)
(Group II: 3-Y-O: £60,156: 1m 2f 85yd) (5 runners)

401 (2) 11105-3 NOYAN 39 (C,BF,F,G) (Y Bmd) M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills 68
402 (3) 25-12 PLANETARY ASPECT 12 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid 90
403 (5) 21-4 SHAIBA 12 (G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 80
404 (4) 111- TAOS 214 (F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... M Roberts 82
405 (1) 111-1 TENBY 12 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 99

BETTING: 4-9 Tenby, 11-4 Taos, 6-1 Planetary Aspect, 25-1 Shaiba, 66-1 Noyan.

1992: ALNASR ALWASHEEK 9-0 S Cauthen (7-2) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOYAN 4l 3rd of 5 to Aberdeen Heather in a conditions race at Leopardstown (AW, 1m 2f, standard). TENBY beat PLANETARY ASPECT (8lb worse off) ½l in a 5-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good), with SHAIBA (5lb worse off) 5l 4th. Last season, beat Bush Rambler 2½l in the 11-runner group I Grand Criterium at Longchamp in October (1m, soft). TAOS beat Declassified 3l in a 9-runner listed race at Ascot (1m, good to soft). Previously, beat PLANETARY ASPECT 1¼l in an 11-runner maiden at at Doncaster (1m, good to firm).
Selection: TENBY (nap)

4.05 HAMBLETON RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(Listed race: £13,047: 7f 202yd) (12 runners)

501 (10) 1000-22 MIZAAYA 18 (C,D,BF,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-7 W R Swinburn 98
502 (11) 0/115-1 IMPERIAL BALLET 23 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) H Cecil 4-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 91
503 (9) 1102-21 LITTLE BEAN 11 (D,F,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-4 ... Paul Eddery 95
504 (7) 01632-0 TWO LEFT FEET 11 (D,F,G,S) (P Molles) M Prescott 6-9-4 ... G Duffield 97
505 (5) 1/10-23 PATER NOSTER 11 (G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-3 ... L Piggott 95
506 (2) 04555-5 BAND ON THE RUN 11 (CD,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 6-9-2 ... T Quinn 95
507 (1) 20516-0 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Plc) M H Easterby 5-9-2 K Darley 96
508 (8) 12200-1 TISSISAT 25 (D,F,G) (The Queen) I Balding 4-8-10 ... J Reid 99
509 (6) 20-6532 BEWARE OF AGENTS 11 (F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-8-10 Dean McKeown 96
510 (4) 120-005 EFHARISTO 14 (D,BF,F,G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-9 M Roberts 98
511 (12) 0140-20 RISK MASTER 14 (D,BF,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-8-9 ... R Hills 95
512 (3) 210-441 FOREVER DIAMONDS 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Russell) M H Easterby 6-8-9 M Birch 94

BETTING: 5-1 Imperial Ballet, Little Bean, 7-1 Band On The Run, Mizaaya, Pater Noster, 10-1 Beware Of Agents, Gymcrak Premiere, Tissisat, 14-1 Efharisto, 16-1 Two Left Feet, 20-1 Forever Diamonds, Risk Master

1992: BAND ON THE RUN 5-8-11 T Quinn (9-1) B McMahon 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

MIZAAYA ½l 3rd of 11 to Swing Low, promoted to 2nd, in a listed race at Leicester (7f, good). Previously, ½l 2nd of 24 to High Premium in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm), with BEWARE OF AGENTS (3lb better off) around 5¾l 6th and EFHARISTO (5lb better off) 5¾l 13th. IMPERIAL BALLET beat PATER NOSTER (5lb better off) 2½l in a 5-runner conditions race at Nottingham (1m, good), with BEWARE OF AGENTS (11lb better off) ¾l 3rd. LITTLE BEAN beat BEWARE OF AGENTS (2lb better off) ½l in a 7-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, good), with PATER NOSTER (2lb better off) a short-head 3rd, BAND ON THE RUN (2lb better off) around 1¾l 5th and TWO LEFT FEET (5lb better off) 10l 7th. TISSISAT beat RISK MASTER (same terms) 1¾l in a valuable 20-runner handicap at Newbury (1m, good), with EFHARISTO (7lb better off) 6l 9th. EFHARISTO around 1¾l 5th of 22 to Tender Moment in a valuable handicap at Ascot (7f, good), with RISK MASTER (2lb worse off) 15½l 22nd.
Selection: PATER NOSTER

4.35 WILKINSON MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES
(£6,504: 6f 214yd) (5 runners)

601 (4) 31600-6 CASTEDDU 18 (D,F,G) (Ettore Landi) J Dunlop 4-9-4 ... W Carson 99
602 (1) 331-423 HARD TO FIGURE 13 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 7-8-13 ... J Carroll 94
603 (2) 22/55-33 BRIGADE 23 (D,G) (D Loder) D Loder 4-8-12 ... M Tebbutt 88
604 (5) 0103-40 EURO FESTIVAL 14 (D,BF,F,G) (C Price) Miss L Siddall 4-8-12 ... L Piggott 88
605 (3) 111/04/ PETER DAVIES 362 (D,F,G,S) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) D Loder 5-8-12 W R Swinburn –

BETTING: 4-6 Casteddu, 9-4 Hard To Figure, 13-2 Euro Festival, 14-1 Brigade, 20-1 Peter Davies

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CASTEDDU 4¾l 6th of 11 to Swing Low in a listed race at Leicester (7f, good). HARD TO FIGURE Branston Abby 10l 13th of 14 in a handicap here yesterday (6f, good to soft). Previously, 4l 2nd of 5 to Shalan's Son in a conditions race at Brighton (7f, good), with BRIGADE (2lb worse off) 5l 3rd. EURO FESTIVAL 5l 4th of 6 to Will Of Steel in a handicap at Newmarket on penultimate start (7f, good). PETER DAVIES, high-class juveline in 1990, 5¼l 9th of 15 to Balston Lake in a conditions race at Maisons-Laffitte last May (1m 4f, good).
Selection: CASTEDDU

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M F-Godley	4	12	33.3	D Holland	11	49	22.4
J Gosden	23	74	31.1	Pat Eddery	38	175	21.7
P Cole	9	32	28.1	F Norton	5	27	18.5
H Cecil	21	79	26.6	M Roberts	28	190	14.7
P Chapple-Hyam	4	18	22.2	W Carson	26	200	13
M Stoute	24	114	21.1	W R Swinburn	18	140	12.9

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

YORK
C4

2.30: **Dayflower** appears to have thrived having spent the winter *in Dubai. If* reproducing the form which saw her finish an excellent *fifth to Sayyedati in the* 1,000 Guineas, she should win this in a canter. Today's *extra distance should be to* her advantage. Chain Dance, fifth to Criquette in a listed race at Newbury last October, can chase the selection home.

*3.00: Another needle-in-a-*haystack sprint handicap where jockey bookings may prove *significant.* Kevin Darley takes over on Mick Easterby's Penny Hasset, *while the choice of Pat* Eddery for Cradle Days catches the eye. However, *following an excellent third* on his seasonal debut, **Gondo** can oblige with Kie*ran Fallon replacing an in*experienced apprentice.

3.35: Despite the probable *absence of a strong pace and* ground softer than **Tenby** would ideally prefer, the Derby favourite *can adver*tise his Epsom credentials. Although unbeaten, Taos is *something* of a monkey at home and works alone on the gallops. Planetary Aspect, beaten by Tenby at Newmarket, may again prove the main threat.

*4.05: **Little Bean*** possesses an invaluable turn of foot which makes him one of my *favourites.* With Geoff Wragg's string hitting top form he can find the necessary *improvement* to thwart the form choice, Mizaaya, who would prefer faster ground, and Tissisat, the Newbury Spring Handicap winner.

RICHARD EVANS

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

York
Going: good to soft (good in places)

2.00 (5f) 1, QUEENBIRD (W Ryan, 11-4; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, French Gift (J Williams, 9-4 fav); 3, Nightitude (D Holland, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Primo Stampari (4th), 5 Certificate-X (6th), 16 Nordico Princess (5th). 6 ran. 1¼l, 2l, 1¾l, 2½l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £1.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.86. 1min 2.46sec.

2.30 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, KASSAB (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Alnova (M Roberts, 2-1 fav); 3, Frescade (A Munro, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Sharjah (4th), 5 Colorful Ambition (5th), 33 Halmanerror (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 10l, 25l, 15l, dist. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £4.90; £2.40, £1.60. DF: £4.10. CSF: £14.45. 3min 3.37sec.

3.00 (6f) 1, BRANSTON ABBY (M Roberts, 15-2 jt-fav); 2, Duplicity (J Reid, 11-1); 3, Stack Rock (K Fallon, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 jt-fav Double Blue, 8 Sir Harry Hardman, 17-2 Cumbrian Waltzer (6th), 9 Hard To Figure, 10 Ventura Capitalist (4th), Massiqa (5th), 11 Fyfde Flyer, 12 Master Planner, Red Rosein, 16 Green Dollar, 25 Gilt Throne. 14 ran. NR: Fartelu, Master Of Passion. Nk, ½l, hd, 3l, 1l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £7.60; £2.90, £5.20, £4.40. DF: £65.30. Trio: £412.70. CSF: £80.54. Tricast: £630.73. 1min 14.37sec.

3.35 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, MARILLETTE (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Iviza (M Roberts, 11-2); 3, Sueboog (W R Swinburn, 1-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Pamzig (5th), 66 Grove Daffodil (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 1l, 6l, 3½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £9.50. CSF: £26.13. 2min 15.69sec.

4.05 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL (G Duffield, 4-1 fav); 2, First Bid (J Fanning, 9-1); 3, White Willow (K Darley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Laburnum, Lyphantastic, 17-2 Persuasive (5th), 9 Sword Master (6th), Rosgill, 10 Fen Flyer, 20 Eire Leath-Sceal (4th), Highflying, In The Money, Puritan. 13 ran. NR: Glide Path, Legion Of Honour, Sunderland Echo. ¾l, ½l, 1l, 4l, nk. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £19.40. Trio: £56.40. CSF: £36.50. Tricast: £218.32. 2min 36sec.

4.35 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, PERSIAN BRAVE (M Hills, 7-2 fav); 2, Brigante Di Cielo (B Raymond, 5-1); 3, Azhar (M Roberts, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Clouded Elegance (4th), 11-2 Encolm, 16 Persian Revival (6th), Blue Blazer, 33 Kadastrof. 11 ran. 7l, ¾l, ½l, 2l, ¾l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £2.10, £1.80, £3.20. DF: £11.90. CSF: £21.67. Tricast: £136.68. 2min 13.67sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £27,900.59 carried forward to York today).
Placepot: £182.20.

Chepstow
Going: firm

2.15 (3m ch) 1, Highland Son (Mr G Maundrell, 11-4); 2, Rusty Bridge (8-1); 3, Master Muck (4-9 fav). 3 ran. 8l, 5l. R Smith. Tote: £3.00. DF: £3.80. CSF: £11.90.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Highland Spirit (R Dunwoody, 2-5 fav); 2, Canning's College (25-1); 3, Elsa (5-1). 7 ran. 5l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £4.50. DF: £6.50. CSF: £10.21.

3.20 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, J J Jimmy (G Upton, 4-1); 2, Touching Star (3-1 fav); 3, Court Rapier (10-1). 9 ran. 8l, 15l. S Christian. Tote: £5.00; £1.60, £1.20, £3.40. DF: £15.80. CSF: £15.30. Tricast: £97.26.

3.55 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Elite Reg (R Dunwoody, 10-11 fav); 2, Castle Diamond (20-1); 3, Ben Zabeedy (2-1). 13 ran. NR: Operation Wolf. 3½l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £5.50, £1.40. DF: £38.60. CSF: £19.32.

4.25 (3m ch) 1, Poacher's Delight (R Dunwoody, 1-3 fav); 2, Oh So Bold (14-1); 3, Kelly Owens (100-30). 4 ran. 7l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £4.66.

4.55 (3m hdle) 1, Chucklestone (J R Kavanagh, 2-1 fav); 2, Mayfair Minx (6-1); 3, Snowy Lane (7-1). 8 ran. 5l, 20l. J King. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £17.40. CSF: £14.49. Tricast: £68.82.

Placepot: £37.50.

LATE DETAILS

Monday
Windsor
Going: good to firm

6.15 (1m 67yd) 1, Quick Silver Boy (Stephen Davies, 6-1); 2, Mexican Dancer (7-1); 3, Broughton's Port (100-30 jt-fav). Prince Rodney 100-30 jt-fav. 21 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. D Burchell. Tote: £9.10; £2.10, £4.10, £1.90. DF: £54.90. CSF: £54.42. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

6.40 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Moon Carnival (A Clark, 11-2); 2, Duveen (10-1); 3, Record Lover (7-1). Warm Spell 4-1 fav. 15 ran. 2l, 3l. Lady Herries. Tote: £10.70; £2.80, £3.90, £2.10. DF: £62.10. CSF: £57.99. Tricast: £360.86.

7.05 (5f 217yd) 1, Southern Memories (L Piggott, 5-1); 2, Special One (15-2); 3, July Bride (8-1). Polar Storm 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Dailysportdutch. 3l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £7.10; £2.20, £2.20, £3.70. DF: £32.70. CSF: £43.29. Tricast: £283.26.

7.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Akkazao (J Reid, 13-2); 2, Camden's Ransom (11-10 fav); 3, Ilderton Road (33-1). 13 ran. Hd, 1½l. T Mills. Tote: £7.50; £2.00, £1.40, £8.50. DF: £8.10. CSF: £14.33.

8.05 (5f 10yd) 1, Snipe Hall (P Robinson, 9-2); 2, Pommes Frites (4-9 fav); 3, Ya Malak (15-2). 8 ran. NR: Antonie's Folly. 1½l, 1¼l. J Wharton. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £2.10. CSF: £6.75.

8.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Gone For A Burton (Pat Eddery, 10-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Show Faith (10-1); 3, Allesca (6-1). 21 ran. Nk, 10l. P Makin. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £5.90. CSF: £12.12.

Placepot: £43.80.

Gosden pair go to France

FELAWNAH and Arjuzah, both trained by John Gosden, were the only British-trained fillies among the 16 who stood their ground at yesterday's declaration stage for Sunday's £119,474 group one Dubai Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) at Longchamp.

Felawnah is still a maiden, but she put up an excellent performance on her seasonal debut when fourth, beaten just over two lengths, to Sayyedati in the 1,000 Guineas. Arjuzah broke her duck when winning at Chester last week.

Andre Fabre has Elizabeth Bay, eighth in the 1,000 Guineas, impressive Prix de la Grotte winner Baya, and Oaks possible Intrepidity among his six entries. Gold Splash and Madeleine's Dream are the only other Epsom entries engaged in Sunday's race.

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THUNDERER
6.05 Dance On Sixpence. 6.35 Autumnis. 7.05 Coral Gem. 7.35 Artistic Reef. 8.05 Western Dynasty. 8.35 Fourforfun.
Our Newmarket Correspondent:
7.05 **BELLA BALLERINA** (nap). 7.35 Artistic Reef.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
8.35 **FOURFORFUN.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.05 AMBITION APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£3,314: 1m) (20 runners)

1 4561 MAC'S FIGHTER 57 (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-10-0 B Russell (3) 17
2 518- LANGTRY LADY 219 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-9-11 G Hodgson 3
3 20-0 WRETS 23 (F) M Charles 4-9-9 ... R Palmer (5) 4
4 2000 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 13 (V,C,F,G) M Channon 6-9-4 ... Mark Denaro (5) 6
5 1-04 PRINCE RODNEY 2 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-1 ... A Whelan (5) 5
6 4/4 ALPHONSO 41 J Jenkins 4-8-13 ... B Doyle 20
7 41-0 PRIMO FIGLIO 9 (S) R Hannon 3-8-11 ... D Gibbs (5) 10
8 1112 ROMOLA NIJINSKY 4 (D,S) P Evans 5-8-8 ... Stephen Davies 13
9 805- OVERPOWER 232 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 9-8-8 ... S Mulvey (5) 12
10 004- MR TATE 194 R Akehurst 4-8-6 ... L Carter (5) 15
11 5100 NOBBY BARNES 2 (D,G) D Wilson 4-8-5 ... T G McLaughlin (3) 9
12 03-1 MOLLY SPLASH 34 (D,G,S) C Cyzer 6-8-4 ... S James (5) 7
13 4154 KING PARROT 41 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-4 J Wilkinson (5) 14
14 0-00 DANCE ON SIXPENCE 46 (F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-2 ... C Hawksley (3) 2
15 4-00 DAZZLING FIRE 16 (G) C C Elsey 4-8-2 ... Kim McDonnell (3) 16
16 510- KYRENIA GAME 224 (F,G) P Mitchell 3-8-2 ... N Gwilliams 19
17 0-00 CHESHIRE ANNIE 23 (F) R Simpson 4-8-1 ... G Rothwell (7) 11
18 -000 FOOLISH TOUCH 18 (C,D,F,G,S) W Musson 11-7-12 ... D McCabe (3) 8
19 4-56 JOLTO 23 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-7 ... D Toole (5) 1
20 60-0 LITERARY CRITIC 15 (B) A Chamberlain 4-7-7 G Milligan (5) 18

13-2 Romola Nijinsky, 8-1 Langtry Lady, Mac's Fighter, 9-1 Primo Figlio, 10-1 Dance On Sixpence, Prince Rodney, Molly Splash, 12-1 King Parrot, 14-1 others.

6.35 WATERLOO MAIDEN STAKES (£3,406: 7f) (9)

1 2 AUTUMNIS 27 B Hills 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 5
2 POCONO KNIGHT M Madgwick 9-0 ... C Avery 1
3 0-3 ROBLEU 11 G Harwood 9-0 ... Gaye Harwood (7) 8
4 55 SHARAAR 9 W Haggas 9-0 ... M Roberts 2
5 00- ST ALZINA 197 G Eden 9-0 ... A Munro 6
6 45-0 APACHE MYTH 16 R Hannon 8-9 ... R Cochrane 4
7 0 FRANCIA 13 A Hide 8-9 ... W Woods 7
8 LINK RIVER J Gosden 8-9 ... G Hind 3
9 40-0 PERFECT PASSION 7 J Bridger 8-9 ... G Bardwell 9

4-7 Autumnis, 4-1 Link River, 11-2 Robleu, 7-1 Sharaar, 12-1 others.

7.05 KEMPTON BUSINESS CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,582: 1m 1f) (17)

1 ALYVAIR M Ryan 8-11 ... A Clark 6
2 5-4 BELLA BALLERINA 19 M Stoute 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 12
3 CHASE THE STARS C Cyzer 8-11 ... W Newnes 14
4 03 CORAL GEM 13 G Wragg 8-11 ... M Roberts 8
5 0-53 DITTISHAM 7 R Hannon 8-11 ... T Quinn 13
6 0- DUSTY'S DARLING 193 M Jarvis 8-11 ... P Robinson 17
7 0-0 HAVEN OF LOVE 9 C Cyzer 8-11 ... D Biggs 1
8 000- JOLIS ABSENT 218 M Ryan 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 3
9 0-5 KENESHA 9 S Dow 8-11 ... C Rutter 2
10 604- MISS PIMPERNEL 208 B Hanbury 8-11 ... B Raymond 5
11 4- NASSMA 201 J Fanshawe 8-11 ... G Carter 15
12 0-0 RANEEN ALWATAR 19 L Cumani 8-11 ... R Cochrane 11
13 20 SHOPTILLYOUDROP 18 G Moore 8-11 ... B Rouse 10
14 60- SINGER ON THE ROOF 236 I Balding 8-11 ... M Hills 4
15 0 SUMMER WIND 25 D Elsworth 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 9
16 TISZA J Gosden 8-11 ... G Hind 16
17 2-2 TOCHAR BAN 9 D Elsworth 8-11 ... J Williams 7

9-4 Tochar Ban, 3-1 Bella Ballerina, 9-2 Coral Gem, 5-1 Tisza, 8-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Kempton: 8.05 Fierce.

7.35 RING & BRYMER CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,195: 5f) (7)

1 0-65 MEDAILLE D'OR 25 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) J Payne 5-9-12 A Munro 6
2 0-10 BOLD LEZ 18 (C,D,F,G,S) M Haynes 6-9-7 ... R Cochrane 3
3 0-16 SABRE RATTLER 32 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 2
4 1-34 ARTISTIC REEF 11 (D,G,S) G Eden 4-9-2 ... W Carson 5
5 000/ POYLE GEORGE 629 (D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 8-9-2 ... J Williams 1
6 10-3 BRIGG FAIR 43 (D,BF,F,G) R Hannon 3-8-10 ... J Reid 7
7 -241 BELLSABANGING 7 (D,F) D Laing 3-8-5 ... T Williams 4

10-11 Artistic Reef, 7-2 Bold Lez, 4-1 Medaille D'Or, 11-2 Brigg Fair, 6-1 Sabre Rattler, 16-1 Bellsabanging, 20-1 Poyle George

8.05 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM HANDICAP
(£3,444: 1m 4f) (24)

1 5-30 DAWN FLIGHT 23 Lady Herries 4-9-11 ... A Clark 2
2 50-0 ACROBATE 14 (D,G) D Elsworth 4-9-11 ... J Williams 22
3 6-36 MISS PIN UP 15 (CD,BF,F,G) Pat Mitchell 4-9-11 R Cochrane 4
4 00-6 WESTERN DYNASTY 14 (CD,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-9-9 ... D Biggs 6
5 10-0 FATHER HAYES 16 (F) R Guest 5-9-6 ... N Day 13
6 00-0 KEEP ME IN MIND 16 N Mitchell 4-9-3 ... T Sprake 11
7 56-0 BLAZON OF TROY 15 (F) T Thomson Jones 4-9-2 S Whitworth 24
8 00-4 ABSENT RELATIVE 32J Miss B Sanders 5-9-2 ... M Roberts 12
9 646/ FIERCE 28J (V) J Jenkins 5-9-1 ... A Munro 19
10 61-3 MARCHMAN 23 (D,F) J King 8-9-1 ... Pat Eddery 1
11 00-1 MUNDAY DEAN 6 (B,D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 5-9-1 (4ex) J Reid 10
12 10-2 EDGE OF DARKNESS 18 (G,S) J Hills 4-9-0 D Harrison (3) 21
13 30-0 SARAZAR 34 R Akehurst 4-8-12 ... R Perham 23
14 440- TAYLORS PRINCE 43J (V,D,F,G) H Collingridge 6-8-12 J Quinn 3
15 32-0 CRACKLING 9 (G) D Marks 4-8-11 ... S Dawson 16
16 00-0 JULFAAR 22 (D,F) J Pearce 6-8-10 ... G Bardwell 9
17 4-33 FLY FOR GOLD 18 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-8-9 ... T Quinn 15
18 040- MYSTERIOUS MAID 205 (D,F,S) J Pearce 6-8-9 ... M Wigham 5
19 026- HYMNE D'AMOUR 12J Miss H Knight 5-8-8 ... B Raymond 17
20 50-0 HEAVYWEIGHT 13 D Chappell 4-8-7 ... A Tucker (3) 7
21 0-06 SUPREME MASTER 9 R Hannon 3-8-4 ... S Raymont 8
22 05-0 EASTERN MAGIC 29 (G) J Akehurst 5-8-3 ... G Carter 20
23 -464 NORDANSK 9J M Madgwick 4-8-2 ... C Avery 14
24 0-64 FULL QUIVER 6 (V,D,F) Mrs B Waring 8-8-1 ... D Wright (7) 18

5-1 Munday Dean, 6-1 Miss Pin Up, 13-2 Absent Relative, 8-1 Edge Of Darkness, 10-1 Hymne D'Amour, Marchman, 12-1 Crackling, Dawn Flight, 14-1 others.

8.35 CLUBHOUSE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,962: 7f) (9)

1 2-23 FLASHFEET 13 (BF) I Balding 9-7 ... M Hills 8
2 000- OK BERTIE 197 D Morris 9-5 ... M Tebbutt 7
3 60-1 FOURFORFUN 7 (F) R Hannon 8-11 (5ex) ... B Raymond 5
4 2-50 TWICE THE GROOM 22 P Mitchell 8-9 ... W Newnes 9
5 1-10 MR NEVERMIND 30 (D,F,G) G Moore 8-8 ... B Rouse 2
6 105- FAIRY STORY 203 (D,G) J Hills 8-7 ... T Quinn 3
7 00-0 MISTY SILKS 30 M Ryan 8-6 ... P Robinson 4
8 1643 ABSOLUTELY FACT 65 (G) C C Elsey 8-3 ... A Munro 1
9 3-43 TRINITY HALL 32 C Horgan 8-3 ... S Dawson 6

5-2 Flashfeet, 11-4 Fourforfun, 9-2 Absolutely Fact, 6-1 Mr Nevermind, 8-1 Trinity Hall, 10-1 Twice The Groom, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hanbury, 7 winners from 38 runners, 18.4%; M Ryan, 9 from 52, 17.3%; J Berry, 5 from 29, 17.2%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 31, 16.1%; J Gosden, 13 from 82, 15.9%; L Cumani, 7 from 44, 15.9%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 38 from 188, 20.2%; A Munro, 16 from 109, 14.7%; W Carson, 29 from 200, 14.5%; B Doyle, 4 from 32, 12.5%; M Roberts, 20 from 167, 12%; M Hills, 6 from 54, 11.1%.

McKeown for Hong Kong

DEAN McKeown is the latest jockey to attempt to leave Britain for a lucrative contract in Hong Kong. He has been offered a job with Australian trainer Geoff Lane, subject to the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club granting him a licence.

McKeown, 33 and married with three young daughters, is currently stable jockey to Middleham trainer Mark Johnston. He hopes to move to the colony for the start of the new season in September.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
2.15 Briggs Lad. 2.45 Corravorrin. 3.15 Wiltoski. 3.45 Aldington Bell. 4.15 The Holy Golfer. 4.45 Curaheen Boy. 5.15 Padishah.
Brian Beel: 4.45 Curaheen Boy.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 WEOBLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,553: 2m 3f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 5241 BRIGGS LAD 11 (B,F) K Bailey 11-7 ... J Osborne
2 GLASGOW 161F G Jones 11-0 ... A Maguire
3 0353 RICH DESIRE 11 (F) R Bennett 10-9 ... L O'Hare (7)
4 0 ROYAL GLINT 28 H Haynes 10-9 ... W Marston (3)

1-2 Briggs Lad, 3-1 Rich Desire, 8-1 Royal Glint, 10-1 Glasgow

2.45 CANON PYON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,962: 3m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 /PP2P UP AND COMING 14 (D,F,G) N Henderson 10-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 3624 SKINNHILL 8 (B,D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 9-11-5 ... Mr A Thornton (3)
3 0U51 TOMPET 26 (G) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-13 ... C Llewellyn
4 4-26 JIMSTER 131 (F,S) C Nash 11-10-11 ... J R Kavanagh
5 1/P-2 CORRAVORRIN 26 (F) S Christian 8-10-10 ... M Perrett
6 4P03 SIR NODDY 9 (F) C Vernon Miller 10-10-9 ... M Hourigan (3)
7 6012 HEIGHT OF FUN 4 (B,F,S) C Popham 9-10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
8 3-PP0 ANOTHER STRIPLIGHT 26 (F) R Brotherton 10-10-1 ... D Bridgwater
9 2313 LIRIE LAD 32 (F) P Rodford 7-10-1 ... I Shoemark
10 F303 COMEDY ROAD 12 (D,F,G) R Lee 9-10-0 ... L Harvey
11 63P4 BIRD OF SPIRIT 18 (G,S) M Scudamore 13-10-0 ... R Bellamy
12 P-PP DREAMCOAT 9 (F,S) R Lee 12-10-0 ... A Maguire
13 60U3 VALASSY 27 (G,S) J Edwards 10-10-0 ... R Farrant (5)

7-2 Up And Coming, 9-2 Lirie Lad, 5-1 Height Of Fun, 6-1 Corravorrin, 8-1 Tompet, 10-1 Jimster, 12-1 Sir Noddy, Skinnhill, 20-1 others.

3.15 HOLMER SELLING HURDLE
(£1,605: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

1 P242 WILTOSKI 9 (V,F,G) I Campbell 5-11-10 ... R Campbell
2 5163 LADY POLY 27 (G) R Stone 5-11-5 ... Leesa Long (7)
3 4P04 CELTIC SPARK 9 (B) K Bailey 5-11-3 ... S McNeill
4 -0P0 GILBERT 9 D Carey 5-11-3 ... A Flannigan (7)
5 PPP4 JON'S CHOICE 9 B Preece 5-11-3 ... N Juckes (3)
6 4F45 EMMA VICTORIA 14 R Brotherton 5-10-12 ... D Bridgwater
7 5822 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 14 B Llewellyn 5-10-12 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
8 P50P PRIORY PIPER 29 J Pickering 4-10-12 ... R Davis (5)
9 PP0 REACH ME NOT 28 Mrs N Sharpe 4-10-7 ... M Bosley

7-4 Wiltoski, 9-4 Northern Optimist, 4-1 Celtic Spark, 10-1 Jon's Choice, 14-1 Emma Victoria, Lady Poly, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Buckler, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; S Christian, 6 from 17, 35.3%; N Henderson, 8 from 24, 33.3%; M Pipe, 42 from 130, 32.3%; D Nicholson, 15 from 55, 27.3%; N Twiston-Davies, 6 from 28, 21.4%; K Bailey, 13 from 63, 20.6%.
JOCKEYS: M McGonagle, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; J Osborne, 11 from 25, 44.0%; M Hourigan, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Kavanagh, 4 from 17, 23.5%; S McNeill, 14 from 65, 21.5%; B Clifford, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

3.45 TILLINGTON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,526: 2m) (12)

1 1212 ALDINGTON BELL 9 (B,CD,F) C Trietline 10-11-13 ... A Maguire
2 541U DRUMSTICK 18 (F,S) K Bailey 7-11-10 ... J Railton
3 6346 COUNTERPUNCH 8 (G) A Forte 9-11-4 ... Mr M Smith
4 00BP COUNTY CONTRACTOR 19 (B) C Popham 6-11-4 ... S McNeill
5 4F35 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 46 D McCain 7-11-4 ... Mr D McCain (5)
6 0PF0 GALAGAMES 26 (G) R Buckler 6-11-4 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
7 FP4- PECCAVI 352 V Bishop 9-11-4 ... Mr C Campbell (7)
8 -PF3 TICONDEROGA 15 (B) D Nicholson 7-11-4 ... R Bellamy
9 0040 WARNER FORPLEASURE 9 (B,F) P Hobbs 7-11-4 ... –
10 0003 DARING CLASS 9 (F) P Rodford 7-10-13 ... I Shoemark
11 5422 GILSTON LASS 9 (BF) J King 6-10-13 ... P Hide (5)
12 06U0 NORMEAD LASS 18 Miss P Hall 5-10-7 ... NON-RUNNER

Evens Aldington Bell, 6-1 Daring Class, 8-1 Gilston Lass, 10-1 Drumstick, 12-1 Ticonderoga, Warner Forpleasure, 14-1 Galagames, 16-1 others

4.15 ST RICHARDS SCHOOL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 1f) (13)

1 424F FASTBIT 9 K Bailey 6-11-10 ... J Railton
2 5P03 PRIDEWOOD GOLDING 12 R Price 6-11-9 ... J Osborne
3 40U1 SHELLY'S FOLLY 9 (F) R Hodges 8-11-7 (7ex) ... R Supple
4 45F5 HENLEY REGATTA 9 P Rodford 5-11-5 ... I Shoemark
5 2631 THE HOLY GOLFER 11 (CD,F) D Gandolfo 6-11-2 ... P Holley
6 0621 SYDNEY BARRY 11 (CD,F,G) R Buckler 8-11-2 W Marston (3)
7 3505 FLING IN SPRING 18 (B) J McConnochie 7-10-12 ... R Bellamy
8 PP6P BLAZING JOKER 30 R Lee 6-10-11 ... A Maguire
9 0050 TEN DEEP 9 G Giddings 8-10-9 ... I Lawrence
10 /F-0 CONNABEE 9 J Poulton 9-10-9 ... R Rowell
11 055- PENNYS GIFT 568 D O'Brien 6-10-4 ... M Hourigan (3)
12 -P04 TAILSPIN 9 (B) Mrs J Scrivens 8-10-4 ... M Foster
13 0303 LUCKY BLUE 11 B Hodges 6-10-4 ... M A Fitzgerald

5-2 Shelly's Folly, 3-1 Sydney Barry, 9-2 The Holy Golfer, 11-2 Henley Regatta, 7-1 Pridewood Golding, 12-1 Lucky Blue, 14-1 others.

4.45 BROCKHAMPTON HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,362: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 12P6 CURAHEEN BOY 19 (C,F,G) C Trietline 13-12-7 Miss J Butler (7)
2 /1-P DINNER SUIT 47 (CD,F) Mrs P Grainger 9-12-7 ... A Phillips (7)
3 3/2- BARNABY BENZ 412 K Cumings 9-12-0 ... M Felton (7)
4 0P-5 PADDY'S POND 19 (D,F) N Reece 15-12-0 ... M Jackson (7)
5 2542 RUSTY BRIDGE 1 J Johnson 6-12-0 ... Miss C Thomas (7)
6 UF5- SHEDARBO 347 Mr Polly Gowers 8-12-0 ... A Rigg (7)

4-7 Curaheen Boy, 4-1 Barnaby Benz, 9-2 Rusty Bridge, 10-1 Paddy's Pond, 20-1 Dinner Suit, 50-1 Shedarbo.

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,350: 2m 1f) (17)

1 1 NIRVANA PRINCE 11 (F) B Preece 4-11-7 ... B Clifford
2 BLACK ARROW D O'Brien 6-11-5 ... M Hourigan (3)
3 0 OUR ARNOLD 151 J Pilkington 6-11-5 ... D Leahy (5)
4 0 PRINCE OF PREY 46 T Thomson Jones 5-11-5 ... D Meade (7)
5 SNIPPETOFF D McCain 5-11-5 ... Mr D McCain (5)
6 STRANGE WAYS H Haynes 5-11-5 ... Mr C Vigors (7)
7 AVENA S Christian 6-11-0 ... M McGonagle (5)
8 0 CELTIC TOKEN 11 F Jordan 4-11-0 ... M Doyle (7)
9 0 CENTRAL LASS 35 K White 5-11-0 ... S D Williams (3)
10 0 NORDEN 20 R Hodges 4-11-0 ... T Thompson (7)
11 2 PADISHAH 11 W Muir 4-11-0 ... Mr J Durkan
12 RASCALETTO A James 6-11-0 ... NON-RUNNER
13 3 SPARKLING CONE 11 M Pipe 4-11-0 ... T Dascombe (7)
14 0 TUDOR IVY 35 C Jackson 5-11-0 ... Mr T Jackson
15 0 DALBEATTIE 4 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9 ... A Flannigan (7)
16 0 JUNGLE HIGHWAY 4 D Nicholson 4-10-9 ... W Marston (3)
17 0 TREVADLOCK 35 R Hollinshead 4-10-9 ... S Wynne (3)

11-4 Sparkling Cone, 7-2 Nirvana Prince, 4-1 Padishah, 8-1 Prince Of Prey, 12-1 Central Lass, Jungle Highway, 14-1 Dalbeattie, 16-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.20 Grove Serendipity. 2.50 Wicket. 3.20 San Francisco Joe. 3.50 Circulation. 4.20 Knowe Head. 4.50 Gymcrak Sovereign.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); STANDARD (HURDLES) SIS

2.20 TWINS NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,631: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 2102 GROVE SERENDIPITY 12 (B,BF) M Pipe 5-12-2 D Richmond (5)
2 230P ALIAS SILVER 12 J Curtis 6-11-2 ... S Mason (7)
3 P230 FETTLE UP 11 (B) J Wharton 5-11-2 ... B Dalton (7)
4 0 GAYLIGHT 28 J Holcombe 6-11-2 ... D Skyrme
5 P HOLLY MARTIN'S 51 (V) C Brooks 5-11-2 ... M Berry (7)
6 /UF CAWSTON BAY 8 J Norton 8-10-11 ... W Fry (7)
7 0 WASTEOFTIME 35 E Buckley 6-10-11 ... H Davies

1-10 Grove Serendipity, 12-1 Alias Silver, 14-1 Fettle Up, 25-1 others.

2.50 JEPHSON SHOPFITTING NOVICE CHASE
(£2,212: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 PP22 NOT SO SOON 18 (S) K Bailey 8-11-9 ... Mr M Armytage
2 3360 WICKET 9 (G,S) M Wilkinson 8-11-4 ... B de Haan
3 -423 ACERTAINHIT 60 S Bowring 9-11-2 ... J A Harris
4 -34P EVENING SUNSET 9 (B) C Smith 7-11-2 ... Mr K Green
5 4244 EXPOUND 30 (B,S) R Juckes 8-11-2 ... J Railton
6 2/5 GENTLEMAN ANGLER 58 (BF,F) S Sherwood 10-11-2 G Upton
7 2PFU JIMMY O'DEA 15 (V) T Bill 6-11-2 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
8 P6P3 TRENTSIDE VALOUR 9 (B) C Smith 8-11-2 ... M Ranger
9 00/ SPERRIN VIEW 777 J Simmons 7-10-11 ... K Comerford (7)

2-1 Not So Soon, 5-2 Wicket, 13-2 Gentleman Angler, 7-1 Acertainhit, 10-1 Expound, 12-1 Trentside Valour, 14-1 others.

3.20 STUART JOHNSON SELLING HURDLE
(£1,792: 2m 2f) (12)

1 10UU JOHNSTED 12 (C,G) W Clay 7-12-0 ... Diane Clay
2 P0P2 SAN FRANCISCO JOE 30 (CD,G) A Denson 9-12-0 Peter Hobbs
3 0-00 DREADNOUGHT 154 (S) J Carden 13-11-8 ... Gary Lyons
4 0U00 ALDINGTON BABY MAE 48 J Eyre 5-11-2 ... A Mulholland
5 PPP0 ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 9 B Preece 5-11-2 ... T Wall
6 40P5 COUGAR 58 Mrs S Austin 7-11-2 ... D Wilkinson
7 5000 FELL WARDEN 18 (B) J Hellens 5-11-2 ... N Williamson
8 /P4 FLAXON WORRIOR 11 A Le Blond 9-11-2 ... D Byrne
9 5P00 MEKSHARP 11 (B) J Smith 6-11-2 ... Miss S Sharratt (7)
10 400- PONENTINO 432 G Kelly 7-11-2 ... Mr S Walker (7)
11 00 JUST-GO-AGAIN 36 (B) J Jefferson 4-10-11 ... R Garritty
12 P00 WILLOW BELLE 9 E Buckley 5-10-11 ... H Davies

9-4 Johnsted, 3-1 San Francisco Joe, 9-2 Fell Warden, 6-1 others

3.50 STORA BILLARUD HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,521: 2m) (7)

1 5215 TINAS LAD 19 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-10 ... N Williamson
2 6212 CIRCULATION 12 (D,G,S) D McCain 7-11-7 ... D Walsh (5)
3 5233 ISLAND JETSETTER 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-6 T Eley (5)
4 P21- ENSHARP 373 (CD,F) S Gollings 7-11-2 ... M Brennan
5 P231 OUR SURVIVOR 18 (F,G) J Parkes 9-10-8 ... N Smith
6 4355 TOP VILLAIN 103 (F,G) B Rothwell 7-10-6 ... Peter Hobbs
7 0663 CHAGHATAI 11 W Clay 7-10-3 ... J Lodder

5-2 Circulation, 7-2 Our Survivor, 4-1 Top Villain, 5-1 Island Jetsetter, 7-1 Tina's Lad, 10-1 Ensharp, 14-1 Chaghatai.

4.20 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £892: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 21P2 NELTAMA 9 (G,S) Miss C Saunders 9-12-5 ... A Sansome (7)
2 4313 ROYAL DAY 26 (S) Miss C Saunders 7-12-5 ... R Russell (5)
3 CARATS MAJOR D Applewhite 11-12-0 ... C Bealby (5)
4 F5-5 GO MILETRIAN 30 F Kirby 9-12-0 ... J Beardsall (7)
5 PP/ KAMADOOR 774 (F,S) Miss J Hill 10-12-0 ... NON-RUNNER
6 28U- KNOWE HEAD 352 Miss C Blakeborough 9-12-0 ... S Brisby (7)
7 004- MAX CLOWN 448 (B) R Jackson 10-12-0 ... K Needham (7)
8 ST ENTON R Green 8-12-0 ... K Green (7)
9 0RV ROBINS CHOICE 1663 R Tate 9-11-9 ... Mrs F Needham (7)

7-4 Knowe Head, 5-2 Carat Major, 3-1 Royal Day, 13-2 Robins Choice, 10-1 Max Clown, 14-1 others

4.50 COOPERS AND LYBRAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,731: 2m) (5)

1 6111 ALCOY 9 (C,D,F,G) P Kelleway 4-12-2 (6ex) ... A Bates (5)
2 6104 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 14 (CD) M H Easterby 5-11-8 R Garritty
3 2215 NORTHERN NATION 18 (G) W Clay 5-11-7 ... Diane Clay
4 P003 HIGH FINANCE 2F (C,D,G) R Weaver 6-10-6 ... D Salter (7)
5 F3UU TRISTAN'S COMET 32 (CD,G) J Harris 6-10-5 ... J A Harris

2-1 Alcoy, 9-4 Gymcrak Sovereign, 7-2 Northern Nation, 7-1 High Finance, 14-1 Tristan's Comet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 4 winners from 6 runners, 66.7%; M Pipe, 5 from 18, 27.8%; J Edwards, 10 from 41, 24.4%; K Bailey, 8 from 36, 22.2%; T Bill, 3 from 26, 11.5%. Only qualifiers.
JOCKEYS: Mr M Armytage, 3 from 9, 33.3%; T Eley, 3 from 11, 27.3%. Only qualifiers.

☐ Barathea, runner-up to Zafonic in the 2,000 Guineas 11 days ago, will face a maximum of 13 opponents in the Irish equivalent at the Curragh on Saturday, including likely pacemaker *Fitzcarraldo.* Geoff Wragg's Petardia and Guy Harwood's So Factual are entered but unlikely to run.

Bold innings from Lathwell helps Somerset to Benson and Hedges Cup win

Tot of Dutch courage seals defeat of Notts

BY IVO TENNANT

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Somerset beat Nottinghamshire by one wicket

TO BEAT Nottinghamshire yesterday, Somerset had to make a higher score batting second, 280, than they had ever done in the Benson and Hedges Cup. They managed it, although not until the very last ball. It was a victory which had much to do with an opening partnership of 137 between Mark Lathwell and Nick Folland. That and their last pair scoring ten off the final over.

When Somerset were 237 for two, many a Nottinghamshire head was down in the field. Thereafter, wicket after wicket went down, more than one thrown away, until that climactic final over. Pick bowled Caddick but was smeared for two fours by Van Troost, the second over a fielder in to save a single.

But the day, and the gold award, belonged to Lathwell. There would have been some members here who must have wondered whether all the recent fuss over him has not had a great deal to do with the predicament England are in. Now, they could see for themselves how merciless he can be on any imbalance in an attack.

It helped, of course, that this was the flattest of pitches. Basharat Hassan, who knows the square here as well as anyone, had not the slightest doubt that Somerset would reach their target — and that after the openers had only just embarked on what, on paper, was a formidable task.

Two years ago in this competition Folland made a century here for Minor Counties. Had he played thirty or forty years ago he would have journeyed easily from teaching to county cricket in the summer holidays at no disadvantage to himself. It is to the detriment of the professional game that he did not take part in it until he was 28.

There was no stopping either him or Lathwell now. They had made 100 after 18 overs and 137 together before Lathwell for once erred in his judgment of a bowler's line. You have never seen umpire Whitehead look more reluctant to uphold and appeal. He, like the rest of us, would have relished such a joyous talent.

Lathwell had nine fours and two dismissive sixes in an innings of 77 that lasted merely 59 balls. Folland was more circumspect, especially when his partner had departed, but 83 off 99 balls tells its own story. Somerset had made 179 when Afford beat him in the flight and had used up only 29 overs. To have lost the match from there would have taken some doing, and yet that almost happened.

Mike had been as rudely treated as anyone. His second spell was quite a different matter. Harden and Tavaré both went in the same over. Next, he had Burns taken at slip and then removed Hayhurst, batting low in the order owing to a groin strain. Rose and Mushtaq Ahmed were out looking to slog Cairns, but Somerset kept their nerve.

There was also some excellent batting in Nottinghamshire's innings. Johnson's 59 took 53 balls, Pollard's 80 twice as many, which in the context of what followed almost made him out to be a sluggard. In his first match for Somerset, Mushtaq was not spared. His eleven overs went for 50 but his various strains, real or imaginary, have gone.

SIMON WILKINSON



Who the cap fits: Richardson, the West Indies captain, who swapped his maroon sun-hat for a Yorkshire cap on his debut against Northamptonshire yesterday, cuts on the way to 52. Yorkshire lost by 34 runs

Larkins century all in vain

BY PETER BALL

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire beat Durham by three wickets

WAYNE Larkins became the first Durham batsman to score a century in the Benson & Hedges Cup yesterday, but it was not enough to take his side into the quarter-finals. A solid 79 by Paul Terry led Hampshire's reply as the holders squeaked home with five balls to spare.

Larkins batted superbly in testing conditions to hold the Durham innings together, earning himself the gold award. With Botham outshining Gower and Cummins making an impressive first home appearance, there was some satisfaction for Durham, but Malcolm Marshall's exploitation of a helpful wicket in the early stages and Terry's solid determination in the end tipped the balance.

Marshall's opening spell left Durham on the back foot at 20 for two after 12 overs, and when another wicket soon went down they were in disarray. From that position 196 was a considerable achievement on a soft, seaming wicket and their total owed everything to Larkins, who batted right through.

For a time Smith lent solid support and then Botham came in to help turn around Durham's fortunes. These days he may no longer be equipped to play the lead, and his taste for supporting roles is not great, but on this occasion he fulfilled it perfectly and even hit the bigger six of the partnership, planting Ayling over mid-on into a garden on Eskrigg Road.

The veteran pair put on 87 in 21 overs before Connor returned to end Botham's stay. Larkins pressed on and when the innings closed he had hit 11 fours and a six off 167 balls.

With Nicholas *hors de combat*, Hampshire's long tail was vulnerable and Durham's score looked more than respectable as Smith and Gower departed, pulling too soon on the slow wicket. Gower had fallen to Botham, who exulted wildly.

Things looked even worse for Hampshire as Cummins came back to remove Ayling and then embarked on his own extravagant jig of delight as he bowled his fellow Barbadian, Malcolm Marshall.

With his tail up Cummins looked a formidable proposition, but he had only three overs left and instead of letting him have one more over, Graveney promptly took him off. The relaxation was all Hampshire needed.

Terry did not survive to the end but he had done enough and Aymes and Udal saw them home.

Hick dominates no-contest

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

WORCESTER: Worcestershire beat Essex by nine wickets

ESSEX may be the strongest team in the country, but it is four years since they went to Lord's, and they will not be contesting the first showpiece final of the season on July 10. Worcestershire simply overwhelmed them, putting them in, bowling them out and reaching a target of 115 with nine wickets and nearly 23 overs to spare.

Graeme Hick could probably decorate his lounge with individual awards. He had no realistic challenger for man of the match after his unbeaten 62 from 54 balls, two catches and a brilliant run-out of Salim Malik when the Essex innings was at a critical stage.

It was a capable all-round performance by Worcestershire, who won the Benson and Hedges Cup two years ago, but few could have imagined that Essex would be so feeble. Before he sat down last night to select the party for the one-day internationals Graham Gooch should have addressed some pithy remarks to his county colleagues.

Sultry conditions in the morning meant it was a good toss that Tim Curtis won. Cracks in the pitch, particularly just short of a good length at the Malvern Road End, also assisted the bowlers, who benefited from some indiscreet strokes.

Although Hussain and Foster were struck on the knuckles by balls that kicked, it was the possibility that the batsman would get the unplayable one, rather than the actuality, which was uppermost in some unsettled minds. Worcestershire, stimulated by the capture of early wickets, never released their grip.

Shortly after midday there was a sequence when Essex scored one run off the bat in 57 balls. Stephenson, whose 16 occupied the first 26 overs of the innings, almost half the Essex entitlement, was eventually leg-before sweeping at Illingworth, undeniably the last act of a desperate man.

Worcestershire gave a first appearance to Kenny Benjamin, their 26-year-old Antiguan fast bowler. But it was Newport's introduction which produced the first and most telling incision. His swing left the bat, shaving the edge of Gooch's blade on its way to Rhodes.

Weston's left-handed effort at mid-wicket was the choicest catch. Newport was the most deserving bowler, Illingworth the most successful. No batsman got past 16 until Curtis. On his dismissal, Hick seized the day, smiting a dozen boundaries. This was no sort of contest at all.

Richardson on song but Yorkshire lose

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

RICHIE Richardson made a half-century on his first appearance for Yorkshire yesterday, but the West Indies captain finished on the losing side in the second round Benson & Hedges Cup game against Northamptonshire at Headingley.

Richardson, wearing a Yorkshire cap in place of his usual wide-brimmed, maroon sun-hat, laid the foundations for victory in company with his county captain, Martyn Moxon. They put on 104 for the second wicket as Yorkshire chased 212. But after both had been dismissed for 52, the rest of the batsmen could make little headway against a persistent pace attack and Northamptonshire ran out surprisingly comfortable winners by 34 runs.

Half-centuries from Nigel Felton and Allan Lamb had helped Northamptonshire reach 158 for two before the Yorkshire bowlers regained control. Mark Robinson taking three wickets.

The closest finish in the day's eight matches was at Grace Road, where Allan Donald was run out off the last ball by the bowler, Winston Benjamin, while seeking the single which would have put Warwickshire through at the expense of Leicestershire. The scores finished level at 206 but Leicestershire went through by losing fewer wickets. Phil Robinson's 70 had enabled them to recover from 36 for three.

The Sussex experiment of opening the innings with Franklyn Stephenson again paid handsome dividends at Cardiff, where the West Indian all-rounder hit two sixes in a rapid 43 as he and David Smith seized the initiative with a partnership of 96. Although Adrian Dale caused a temporary hiccup with three wickets in four overs, Sussex reached 263 for seven. With Stephenson removing the Glamorgan danger man, Matthew Maynard, for 57, Sussex won by 33 runs.

Although Desmond Haynes and Mike Roseberry gave them a fine start with a century partnership, Middlesex finished 14 runs short of Derbyshire's 253 for eight at Derby. Only acting captain John Carr offered much resistance after the departure of the opening pair. Derbyshire's main stand had been for the third wicket between John Morris (57) and Chris Adams (58), who put on 97.

Benson and Hedges Cup
First round

Nottinghamshire v Somerset

TRENT BRIDGE *(Nottinghamshire won toss): Somerset beat Nottinghamshire by one wicket*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

D W Randall c Twose b Caddick	5
P R Pollard lbw b Caddick	80
*R T Robinson b van Troost	29
P Johnson c Burns b Rose	59
C C Lewis c Folland b van Troost	25
C L Cairns c Trump b Rose	1
M A Crawley not out	26
G W Mike not out	25
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 10, nb 4)	29
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	279

†B N French, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-102, 3-164, 4-214, 5-217, 6-227

BOWLING: Caddick 11-2-36-2; van Troost 10.4-0-38-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 11-0-50-0; Rose 11-1-45-2; Hayhurst 1.2-0-17-0; Trump 6-0-29-0; Lathwell 4-0-49-0.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell lbw b Lewis	77
N A Folland c and b Afford	83
R J Harden lbw b Mike	48
*C J Tavaré b Mike	19
†N D Burns c Pollard b Mike	2
G D Rose c Mike b Cairns	13
A N Hayhurst c Pollard b Mike	5
A R Caddick b Pick	4
Mushtaq Ahmed c Pollard b Cairns	7
A P van Troost not out	9
H R J Trump not out	0
Extras (lb 1, lb 6, w 4, nb 4)	15
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-179, 3-227, 4-238, 5-239, 6-254, 7-262, 8-271, 9-278.

BOWLING: Lewis 11-0-34-1; Cairns 11-0-63-2; Mike 11-1-44-4; Afford 9-1-56-1; Crawley 3-0-19-0; Pick 10-0-60-1.

Gold Award: M N Lathwell (Somerset).

Umpires: J W Holder and A G T Whitehead

Leicestershire v Warwickshire

LEICESTER *(Leicestershire won toss). Leicestershire beat Warwickshire by losing fewer wickets*

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon b Small	19
*N E Briers c Donald b Munton	5
J J Whitaker c Twose b Small	7
P E Robinson lbw b P A Smith	70
B F Smith c Twose b P A Smith	43
L Potter c Burns b P A Smith	9
V J Wells c Penney b Donald	15
†P A Nixon b Donald	21
W K M Benjamin not out	3
A R K Pierson not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 5, nb 2)	16
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	206

A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-27, 3-34, 4-129, 5-142, 6-168, 7-186, 8-204.

BOWLING: Donald 10-0-47-2; Munton 11-1-40-1; Small 11-2-27-2; Reeve 9-2-20-0; Twose 3-0-10-0; N M K Smith 4-1-20-0; P A Smith 7-0-33-3.

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles b Benjamin	63
R G Twose c Potter b Pierson	12
†N M K Smith st Nixon b Potter	8
*D A Reeve c Boon b Potter	8
D P Ostler lbw b Pierson	32
T L Penney b Pierson	22
P A Smith run out	3
†M Burns b Wells	22
G C Small run out	8
A A Donald run out	9
T A Munton not out	5
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 4)	10
Total (55 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-70, 3-96, 4-98, 5-147, 6-160, 7-182, 8-179, 9-198.

BOWLING: Benjamin 11-0-43-1, Mullally 11-1-43-0; Wells 11-1-37-1; Pierson 11-1-42-3; Potter 11-1-37-2.

Gold Award: P E Robinson (Leicestershire).

Umpires: R Julian and N T Plews.

Derbyshire v Middlesex

DERBY *(Middlesex won toss): Derbyshire beat Middlesex by 14 runs*

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Carr b Williams	29
P D Bowler b Keech	30
J E Morris c Emburey b Feltham	57
C J Adams c Roseberry b Fraser	58
T J G O'Gorman c Brown b Fraser	8
†P A Griffith c Carr b Feltham	8
†K M Krikken run out	1
D G Cork b Fraser	23
I R Bishop not out	12
A E Warner not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 7, nb 4)	25
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	253

D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-64, 3-181, 4-198, 5-209, 6-215, 7-216, 8-244.

BOWLING: Feltham 11-1-39-2, Fraser 11-0-50-3; Williams 10-2-50-1; Emburey 11-0-45-0; Keech 8-0-37-1; Weekes 4-0-18-0.

MIDDLESEX

D L Haynes lbw b Griffith	60
M A Roseberry b Malcolm	68
M R Ramprakash c Barnett b Griffith	0
*† D Carr c Cork b Bishop	41
P N Weekes b Malcolm	0
M Keech run out	7
†K R Brown c Krikken b Malcolm	24
M A Feltham run out	5
J E Emburey c Griffith b Bishop	17
N F Williams not out	0
A R C Fraser not out	1
Extras (lb 6, w 14, nb 6)	26
Total (55 overs)	299

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-100, 3-161, 4-161, 5-179, 6-185, 7-191, 8-232, 9-236.

BOWLING: Malcolm 11-1-62-3; Cork 11-0-56-0; Bishop 11-1-37-2; Warner 11-2-29-0; Griffith 11-0-49-2.

Gold Award: C J Adams (Derbyshire).

Umpires: G I Burgess and D J Constant.

Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

HEADINGLEY *(Yorkshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat Yorkshire by 34 runs*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham lbw b Robinson	23
N A Felton b Robinson	62
R J Bailey lbw b Silverwood	8
*A J Lamb c Byas b White	54
M B Loye b Gough	9
D J Capel c Blakey b White	3
†D Ripley run out	15
K M Curran lbw b Robinson	3
C E L Ambrose not out	16
J P Taylor (un) out	0
N G B Cook not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 5, nb 2)	19
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-40, 3-158, 4-158, 5-162, 6-165, 7-190, 8-199, 9-200.

BOWLING: Jarvis 9-0-40-0; Gough 9-2-27-1; Robinson 11-1-51-3; Silverwood 7-1-19-1; Grayson 8-1-32-0; White 11-0-30-2.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon run out	52
S A Kellett c Ripley b Ambrose	7
R B Richardson c Cook b Curran	52
D Byas lbw b Capel	12
†R J Blakey lbw b Capel	0
C White c Ambrose b Capel	16
A P Grayson run out	20
P W Jarvis c Ripley b Taylor	4
D Gough c Ripley b Taylor	1
M A Robinson not out	3
C E W Silverwood run out	2
Extras (b 5, w 3)	8
Total (52.1 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-114, 3-122, 4-125, 5-142, 6-151, 7-171, 8-171, 9-174.

BOWLING: Ambrose 9.1-2-21-1; Curran 11-0-25-1; Taylor 10-2-38-2; Capel 10-0-54-3; Cook 8-0-27-0; Bailey 4-0-19-0.

Gold Award: N A Felton (Northamptonshire).

Umpires: B J Meyer and G A Stickley.

Durham v Hampshire

STOCKTON-ON-TEES *(Hampshire won toss): Hampshire beat Durham by three wickets*

DURHAM

W Larkins not out	110
G Fowler c Smith b Marshall	7
P W G Parker c Aymes b Marshall	0
P Bainbridge c Gower b Jean-Jacques	5
I Smith b Ayling	15
I T Botham b Connor	36
A C Cummins not out	3
Extras (lb 8, w 6, nb 6)	20
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	196

†A R Fothergill, J Wood, *D A Graveney and S P Hughes did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-20, 3-39, 4-83, 5-170.

BOWLING: Connor 11-2-34-1, Marshall 11-1-29-2; Ayling 11-4-39-1; Jean-Jacques 11-0-59-1; Udal 11-1-27-0.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Graveney b Hughes	79
T C Middleton c Fothergill b Cummins	8
R A Smith c Smith b Bainbridge	29
D I Gower c Graveney b Botham	4
J R Ayling c Parker b Cummins	16
*M D Marshall b Cummins	4
K D James run out	13
†A N Aymes not out	23
S D Udal not out	9
Extras (lb 4, w 6, nb 2)	12
Total (7 wkts, 54.1 overs)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-61, 3-68, 4-105, 5-113, 6-144, 7-179.

M Jean-Jacques and C A Connor did not bat.

BOWLING: Cummins 11-1-36-3; Wood 6-0-23-0; Hughes 11-2-33-1; Botham 11-1-36-1; Bainbridge 10.1-1-41-1; Graveney 5-0-24-0.

Gold Award: W Larkins (Durham).

Umpires: V A Holder and J D Bond.

Glamorgan v Sussex

CARDIFF *(Sussex won toss): Sussex beat Glamorgan by 33 runs*

SUSSEX

D M Smith b Dale	55
F D Stephenson b Dale	43
M P Speight b Dale	17
*A P Wells c Lefebvre b Watkin	53
C M Wells c Richards b Barwick	23
K Greenfield b Lefebvre	10
†P Moores run out	6
I D K Salisbury not out	16
N J Lenham not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 13)	23
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	263

A N Jones and E S H Giddins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-107, 3-130, 5-217, 6-229, 7-231.

BOWLING: Watkin 10-0-47-1; Lefebvre 8-1-33-1; Barwick 11-0-62-1; Croft 8-0-44-0; Dale 11-1-37-3; Richards 7-0-30-0.

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Speight b Jones	21
*†H Morris c Speight b Lenham	28
A Dale run out	23
M P Maynard b Stephenson	57
† V A Richards b Giddins	17
P A Cottey run out	23
R D B Croft c Speight b Salisbury	23
S L Watkin b Stephenson	1
C P Metson b Stephenson	0
S L Watkin b Stephenson	0
S R Barwick b Giddins	0
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 8)	18
Total (52.2 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-75, 3-88, 4-130, 5-174, 6-183, 7-225, 8-229, 9-229

BOWLING: Stephenson 10-0-48-3; C M Wells 4-0-20-0; Giddins 9.2-0-42-2; Jones 7-0-36-1; Lenham 11-0-60-1; Salisbury 11-1-26-1.

Gold Award: I D K Salisbury (Sussex).

Umpires: P Willey and R A White.

Worcestershire v Essex

WORCESTER *(Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire beat Essex by nine wickets*

ESSEX

*G A Gooch c Rhodes b Newport	13
J P Stephenson lbw b Illingworth	16
P J Prichard b Lampitt	6
Salim Malik run out	1
N Hussain b Benjamin	10
D R Pringle c Rhodes b Tolley	11
N V Knight c Hick b Benjamin	5
†M A Garnham not out	16
N A Foster c Weston b Newport	9
M C Ilott b Illingworth	14
P M Such c Hick b Illingworth	3
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 6)	11
Total (53.3 overs)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-37, 3-38, 4-45, 5-61, 6-89, 7-73, 8-82, 9-107.

BOWLING: Benjamin 11-2-28-2; Tolley 11-3-13-1; Newport 11-4-20-2; Lampitt 10-3-28-1; Illingworth 10-3-21-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis lbw b Pringle	20
W P C Weston not out	32
G A Hick not out	62
Extras (lb 2, w 1)	3
Total (32.1 overs)	117

D B D Oliveira, A C H Seymour, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, K C G Benjamin and C M Tolley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-31.

BOWLING: Foster 8-0-17-0; Ilott 6-1-21-0; Pringle 7-3-21-1; Such 6-1-20-0; Stephenson 5-1-0-38-0

Gold Award: G A Hick (Worcestershire).

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D R Shepherd.

Surrey v Lancashire

THE OVAL *(Surrey won toss): Lancashire beat Surrey by six runs*

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c Boiling b Butcher	19
M A Atherton c Stewart b M P Bicknell	11
N J Speak b M P Bicknell	0
*†N H Fairbrother c Lynch b Wagar Younis	67
G D Lloyd c Stewart b Wagar Younis	25
M Watkinson c Stewart b Butcher	1
P A J DeFreitas b Boiling	15
Wasim Akram run out	38
†W K Hegg run out	0
I D Austin b M P Bicknell	0
P J Martin not out	10
Extras (b 4, lb 15, w 5, nb 6)	30
Total (54.1 overs)	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-34, 3-50, 4-148, 5-153, 6-154, 7-200, 8-203, 9-203.

BOWLING: Wagar Younis 10.1-3-27-2; M P Bicknell 11-5-27-3; Benjamin 11-3-30-0; Butcher 11-2-41-2; Thorpe 2-0-16-0; Boiling 9-0-78-1.

SURREY

D J Bicknell b DeFreitas	0
*†A J Stewart b Martin	95
G P Thorpe c Martin b Wasim Akram	103
M A Lynch c Hegg b Wasim Akram	2
D M Ward c Martin b Austin	0
A D Brown lbw b Austin	1
M A Butcher b Austin	1
M P Bicknell run out	1
Wagar Younis b Watkinson	3
J E Benjamin not out	3
J Boiling run out	4
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 4, nb 2)	17
Total (55 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-212, 3-215, 4-216, 5-216, 6-219, 7-220, 8-225, 9-229

BOWLING: DeFreitas 11-2-37-1; Martin 11-2-29-1; Austin 11-0-63-3; Wasim Akram 11-1-47-2; Watkinson 11-0-68-1.

Gold Award: N H Fairbrother ((Lancashire).

Umpires: B Dudleston and G Sharp

SPORT IN BRIEF

Chen helps England nearer to safety

CHEN Xinhua helped bolster England's cause in the world table tennis championships in Gothenburg yesterday, defeating Andrzej Grubba, the former World Cup winner (Richard Eaton writes). The win was the foundation of a 3-1 victory over Poland that eased fears of relegation from the top group.

Chen, the Yorkshire-based England No 1, beat Grubba 14-21, 21-12, 21-17, and then, in the concluding match, served too cleverly for Piotr Skierski. At 33, despite a persistent blood vessel injury in his thigh, he remains a significant force on big occasions.

England have only one fit player, Matthew Syed, who also beat Skierski. Alan Cooke, who played in the 3-0 defeat against South Korea in the morning, is still struggling with a back problem, and Carl Prean, the national champion, is playing with a strapped wrist.

The England women's team also moved a little nearer safety with a 3-0 victory over Finland. Later they lost 3-1 to Russia. The European silver medal-winner, Lisa Lomas, won two of her three singles in the day.

Corless joins Gloucester

RUGBY UNION: Barrie Corless, who has overseen Northampton's restoration to a premier position in English club rugby during the past five years, is to become Gloucester's new director of coaching (David Hands writes). He will take up his new post in July.

Ieuan Evans, the Wales captain, crowned a fine season for his club, Llanelli, and his country when he received the Whitbread/*Rugby World* player of the year title yesterday.

Photograph of the year went to Marc Aspland, of *The Times*, for his capturing the expression of joy on the face of the Leicester prop, Darren Garforth, as he scored a try against the Barbarians last December. Other awards included: International player: David Campese (Australia). Most promising player: Martin Johnson (Leicester). Coach: Jack Rowell (Bath). Winning photograph, page 20.

Premier expansion

ICE HOCKEY: The premier division of the British League will be increased from ten to 12 teams next season (Norman de Mesquita writes). Joining the eight that competed in the Heineken championships this year will be Sheffield Steelers and Basingstoke Beavers, who were promoted from the first division, and Peterborough Pirates and Durham Wasps, who have been handed a reprieve after being relegated. The British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) has also decided to introduce a strict wage-capping policy next season. Teams will be restricted to budgets of about £180,000. The BIHA is continuing negotiations with prospective new sponsors of the league.

Curran proves fitness

CYCLING: Paul Curran, a double gold medal-winner at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games in 1986, has passed a fitness test and leads the GB-Manchester 2000 team in the Milk Race, which starts on May 30 at Tunbridge Wells (Peter Bryan writes). Curran's season was interrupted by a chest infection, but he confirmed his full recovery at the weekend, winning the Skelton two-day race on North Humberside. He rode in the Milk Race for the first time in 1985. This year his team-mates include Simeon Hempsall, who has spent the last three seasons in France and who was runner-up in 1991. Chris Boardman, the Olympic track champion, asked not to be considered for the team.

Wigan cite Goulding



RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan yesterday cited Bobby Goulding, the Widnes scrum half, right, for a head-high tackle on Jason Robinson in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley 12 days ago. Goulding will appear before the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee, who will rely on video evidence, in Leeds next week and faces the possibility of a ban if he is found guilty.

Ruling annoys skippers

YACHTING: The British Steel Challenge fleet sailed into a political storm yesterday over a ruling from race headquarters that allows sponsors to send their yachts weather information and regular updates on the positions of close rivals (Barry Pickthall writes). "What it does is substantially change the rules two weeks before the finish," one skipper complained yesterday as John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric edged ahead of Commercial Union and closed to within 23 miles of Mike Golding's Group 4 Securitas. Most, if not all skippers, believed the new ruling to be outside assistance, and during a heated inter-yacht chat show yesterday, they disagreed with its implementation.

مأخوذا من الأصل

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (91831)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (87352152)
9.05 A Word In Your Ear. Quiz with Bob Holness (s) (4748589)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker visit Helensburgh, birthplace of John Logie Baird (2453522)
10.00 News, regional news and weather. (Ceefax) (5522676) **10.05 Playdays.** Mr Jolly follows a trail of food (r) (s) (4397676)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Comfortable family magazine (62473589) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with pianist Jacques Loussier (s) (2289164)
12.45 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Review of the morning's events (s) (21983560)
12.55 Regional news and weather (18272473)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather. (Ceefax) (35102)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (70588812)
1.50 Eldorado — Monday's episode. (Ceefax) (s) (25975812)
2.20 Hawaii Five-O: The Ninety-second War (4316657). Northern Ireland: The Balmoral Show
3.10 Turnabout. Wordpower quiz game with Rob Curling (s) (3059251)
3.40 Lifeline (r) (s) (4187015)
3.50 Pingu (r) (4008299) **3.55 Wildbunch** (s) (5214367) **4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** (1446819) **4.35 The Movie Game.** (Ceefax) (s) (2343270) **5.00 Newsround** (5711096)
5.10 Dark Horse: New. An unproven rider, inexperienced trainer and a headstrong owner seek equestrian success with an unpredictable stallion. International competition seems to them a good idea. Can they succeed? (Ceefax) (s) (9293522)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (689725). Northern Ireland: Election Forum. 5.45 Inside Ulster.
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (265)
6.30 Regional news magazines (367). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (6386)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. This week: Better navigation for Channel ferry vessels; Portuguese almond trees; and how studying bees' memories could help astronauts in space. (Ceefax) (s) (251)

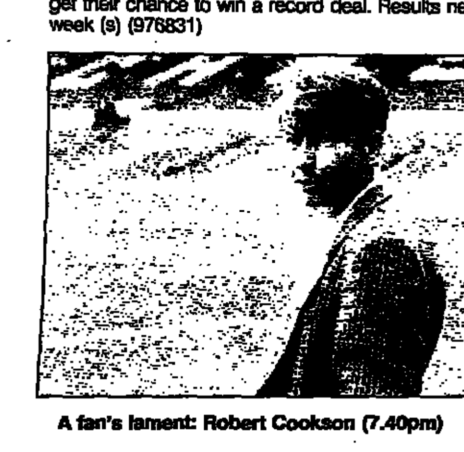


Band leader: Tat Whalley, right (8.00pm)

8.00 Growing Pains. Starring Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce. Mark (Tat Whalley) starts a band, James is compromised by Felicity and there are uninvited lunch guests. (Ceefax) (s) (996725)
8.50 TV Heroes: Pinky and Perky. The careers of the porcine song and dance duo are examined by Danny Baker. (Ceefax) (s) (474218)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News. Regional news and weather. (Ceefax) (829763)
9.30 QED. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (37909)
10.00 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam with a football triple bill. Highlights of this evening's European Cup Winners' Cup from Wembley; a preview of Saturday's Cup Final between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday; and a review of the first Premier League season (750763)
11.40 Law and Order (r) (s) (419893). Northern Ireland: Cagney and Lacey
12.30 Weather (3719874). Ends **12.35**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (599023); **3.15** Legal Network Television (94110)

BBC2

7.35 Open University (9881251)
8.00 Breakfast News (6188909)
8.15 Westminster. Yesterday's proceedings in the Commons, Lords and the committees (2986812)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Equal rights — Sikhism **9.00**; Shakespeare: the Animated Tales — A Midsummer Night's Dream **9.15**; You and Me **9.45**; Words into Action **10.00**; Help Your Child with Science **10.25**; Art Work **10.40**; Words and Pictures **11.00**; The German Collection **11.15**; Ghostwriter **11.35**; Stop and Think **12.05**; Great Experiments **12.25**; Teaching Today **12.50**; Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams **1.20**; Pinney's House **1.35**; ZigZag **1.40.**
2.00 News and weather (24703763)
2.15 Canvas. Lord David Cecil discusses the work of four great English painters: Reynolds, Constable, Hogarth and Samuel Palmer (r) (12306928)
2.35 CountryFile. John Craven with the latest countryside stories (5115657)
3.00 News and weather (3996980)
3.05 Westminster Live. Today's events presented by Ian McWhirter (7386152)
3.50 News, regional news and weather (4174541)
4.00 Spanish Grand Prix. Highlights from Barcelona (r) (5979164)
4.40 Horizon. Asthma, the 20th century allergy — shown on Monday (s) (5174034)
5.30 Rugby Special. Annual Whitbread Rugby Awards presented at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London as this year's Lions prepare to leave for New Zealand (s) (744)
6.00 Star Trek. The hijacked Enterprise is taken to an uncharted planet (r) (711724)
6.50 Def II: Rough Guides to Careers. Sunny Kuraishe and Steve Webb look at computer design in the last of the series (s) (725638)
7.30 Def II: Dance Energy Lift Off. More pop hopefuls get their chance to win a record deal. Results next week (s) (976831)



A fan's lament: Robert Cookson (7.40pm)

7.40 Open Space. See Choice (814367)
8.10 Living Islam (s). See Choice (983251)
9.00 The Imitation Game starring Harriet Walter. Ian McEwan's play about one woman's fight in the second world war, where she finds the war effort less glamorous than she had hoped. Part of the drama season produced and directed by the National Theatre director Richard Eyre (r) (1676)
10.30 Newsnight. Quizzical view of events with Jeremy Paxman (305831)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (465947)
11.55 Weather (188676)
12.00 Industrial Change — From Public to Private. Effects of the transfer of ownership (7801110). Ends at **12.55am**

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CHOICE



Back to the wild: the Przewalski (BBC1, 9.30pm)

QED: Gallop to Freedom
BBC1, 9.30pm

A film which seems to have strayed in from a natural history series, but none the worse for that, charts an intriguing experiment with a rare breed of horse. The Przewalski, named after a Russian who discovered them in Mongolia, go back to prehistoric times. Their likeness can be seen in the Lascaux cave paintings. But there are only 1,200 left, all of them in zoos. Now a carefully chosen dozen, including three from Britain, are being released back into the wild in the hope that they will mate and keep the line going. The chosen site is in southern France and hopes are running high. But it will need another film, in a few years' time, to tell us whether the initiative has succeeded.

Open Space: Sit Down and Shut Up
BBC2, 7.40pm

The end of another football season is the cue for loyal fans to express their disenchantment about recent trends in the game. The particular beef is that the rush to commercialism has meant higher seat prices, pandering to television and the destruction of the beloved terraces which have been at the heart of popular enjoyment of the game. No one believes that the Stretford End at Old Trafford or the Liverpool Kop need have been sacrificed, even for safety reasons. Sunderland, which is planning to leave Roker Park for a new stadium, is praised for involving its supporters. Other clubs are castigated for ignoring the fans' wishes. The saddest contributor is Billy O'Donnell. A Liverpool supporter since the 1920s, he fears that next season he will not be able to afford to go.

Living Islam: Among the Non-Believers
BBC2, 8.10pm

In his penultimate programme, Professor Akbar Ahmed considers the position of the 40 per cent of Muslims who live as minorities in non-Islamic communities. His question is whether it is possible to combine religious loyalty and loyalty to the host nation. In effect he is taking up Norman Tebbit's challenge of judging British Muslims by their support for the national cricket team. The professor seeks answers in India, with its 100 million Muslims, Bury, Bradford and Central Asia. He also visits the Isle of Lewis which has a surprising population of Pakistanis. As in the rest of the series the professor explains the rationale of his faith with quiet authority though he is also a shade bland, as if reluctant to ruffle feathers.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

When the Soviet Union first developed nuclear weapons in the late 1940s its main testing ground was the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan. The nuclear question has dogged the area ever since. A disquieting report from the front line includes elderly citizens describing how the earth shook and black clouds rose over the horizon. When the first hydrogen bomb was tested, part of the population of one village was left behind so that the authorities could measure the effects. Kazakhstan still has nuclear weapons and despite official assurances is reluctant to give them up. There are rumours of a deal with Iran. Public disquiet has led to huge anti-nuclear protests. *Peter Waymark*

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6123676)
9.25 Lucky Ladders (1755893) Word game (s) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4373096)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (4447015)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62467928)
12.10 Allsorts. Box learns how to play the opposites game (r) (s) (6729873)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8356589) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75909305)
1.15 Home and Away. Bobby has to find a boarder (Teletext) (550760)
1.45 A Country Practice. Matt argues with his father (s) (900201)
2.15 The View. Viewers have their say about programmes. Hosted by Loyd Grossman (855152)
2.45 Take the High Road. Sneddon's health causes concern (5108367) **3.10 ITN News** headlines (3084947) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3913657)
3.20 Blockbusters. Teenagers' general knowledge quiz hosted by Bob Holness (s) (8022893)
3.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon (r) (9806675) **4.15 Round The Bend.** Puppetry and animation (r) (s) (4591788) **4.40 The Lodge.** Fifth of a ten-part drama series (s) (1660831)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4133102)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (206541)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (43560)
7.00 Lifeboat. Third in a six-part series following a year in the life of the lifeboat crew in Salcombe, Devon (s) (1454)



Sarah Lancashire, Mark Chatterton (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Raquel confides in Gordon. (Teletext) (947)
8.00 Sharpe: Sharpe's Eagle. Second of two superior action dramas set in the Napoleonic Wars and adapted from Bernard Cornwell's novels. The maverick Lieutenant Sharpe (Sean Bean) accompanies the South Essex regiment behind enemy lines and becomes involved in an attempt to capture the French eagle. (Teletext) (s) (4201)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (27034) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (156657)
10.40 Carlton Sport. Highlights include the Evening Standard five-a-side soccer tournament, an end-of-season match between Manchester United and Aston Villa from Belfast and boxing action from the British heavyweight Herbie Hide (1538928)
12.00 Film: Operation Madonna (1988): Thriller in which a geologist is mistaken for a hitman while stopping over in Hamburg. A Dutch/West German co-production with English dialogue. Directed by Hans-Christoph Blumenberg (75226)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Arts and entertainment news (s) (27313)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (86771)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup reports on the video releases of Sister Act, Boomerang and Glengarry Glenross, plus, on the retail side, Stanley Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket (r) (17936)
4.00 60 Minutes. American current affairs programme (r) (31058)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (27435)
5.30 ITN Morning News (23058). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic comedy with Lucille Ball. Today Lucy meets the Queen (58744)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon (8497980)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin present the live daily magazine (25725)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American comedy quiz with Bill Cosby (s) (32693)
9.30 Schools (789251)
12.00 The Parliament Programme with Anne Perkins (24947)
12.30 Sesame Street. Robin Williams and Martina Navratilova are the guests (r) (10183)
1.30 Sandokan. Sandokan's ship sinks and his crew fear that he is dead (r) (25982102)
1.55 Flapping. From the Short Stories season, Catherine Bailey's film about unauthorised horse-racing in Wales (r) (25967893)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from York. Four races from York introduced by Brough Scott (232305)
4.20 Wise Men. More in the series of programmes for Adult Learners' Week. Two former offenders from Belfast talk about the outward bound courses which helped to change their lives (s) (7032560)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Quiz with William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (560)
5.00 Aeronautics (b/w). Short film from the Pete Smith Specialties series about the experiences of new airmen in the United States Air Force (3661744)
5.15 Film: White Mama (1980) starring Bette Davis. A poverty-stricken widow who is anxious to avoid charity, tries to make ends meet by taking in a delinquent black teenager (Ernest Harden). Directed by Jackie Cooper (60597928)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (608522)
7.50 Comment with a Conservative MP (259676)
8.00 Brookside. Mandy is visited by the police (Teletext) (s) (8744)
8.30 Eat Your Greens. Sophie Grigson makes a cauliflower crumble and looks on while Trish Doyle makes the traditional cabbage dish, Colcannon, and Iranian-born Medea Walker creates an exciting recipe with spinach, apricots and plums (7251)
9.00 Dispatches. See Choice (248386)



Close encounter: Entwisle, Edwards (9.45pm)

9.45 He-Play, She-Play: Deeper Still, by Anthony Neilsen. Lonely Harry (Craig Edwards) has an extraordinary whirlwind romance with Sally (Christine Entwisle) (s) (564283)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Spin-off from The Golden Girls. Blanche makes an unfortunate choice of chef. (Teletext) (s) (25676)
10.30 Viva Cabaret! Jools Holland introduces American comedian Brad Stine, tap-dancer Will Gaines, Vic Reeves's sidekick, Les, and the Blues Allstars (s) (789744)
11.20 ENG. Canadian newsroom drama. (Teletext) (s) (284909)
12.20am Moviewatch. Includes reviews of Indecent Proposal, Wild West, Cup Final and Brain Dead (r) (s) (8926145)
12.50 Wise Men. This afternoon's programme (r) (s) (2373955)
1.00 Film: Massey Sahib (1985). An encounter between a British civil servant (Barry John) and an ingenious Indian (Raghuvir Yadav) leads to tragedy. In English and Hindi with English subtitles. Directed by Pradip Krishen (92501413) Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Gardening Time (855152) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8022893) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4133102) **6.00** Home and Away (253812) **6.25-6.30** Anglia News (944541) **10.40** Anglia Sports Special (401454) **11.40** Magnum (826034) **12.35am** Film: The Day of the Dolphin (790351) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1551023) **3.00** 60 Minutes (7958226) **3.55** Cue the Music (3439139) **4.30** Riviera (13314226) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2202394)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15pm Gardening Time (855152) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (5108367) **3.20-3.50** GP (8022893) **6.00** Lookaround (183) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (763) **10.40** Boxing (401454) **11.40** Ice Hockey (826034) **12.35am** Film: The Day of the Dolphin (790351) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1551023) **3.00** 60 Minutes (7958226) **3.55** Cue the Music (3439139) **4.30** Riviera (13314226) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2202394)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (550760) **1.45** Home and Away (900201) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (855152) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8022893) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4133102) **6.00** Home and Away (253812) **6.25-7.00** Central News (944541) **10.40** Film: A Fire in the Sky (77585378) **1.15am** Tour of Duty (6844503) **2.10** Entertainment UK (5491987) **3.10** BPM (6318495) **4.10** Jobfinder (3859969) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8692313)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (550760) **1.45** Home and Away (25989015) **2.10-2.45** Yan Can Cook (8087831) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8022893) **5.10-5.40** Billy (4133102) **6.00** Home and Away (183) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (763) **10.40** Boxing (401454) **11.40** Ice Hockey (826034) **12.35am** Film: The Day of the Dolphin (790351) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1551023) **3.00** 60 Minutes (7958226) **3.55** Cue the Music (3439139) **4.30** Riviera (13314226) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2202394)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (900201) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (855152) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8022893) **6.00** HTV News (183) **6.30-7.00** Midweek (763) **10.40** Boxing (401454) **11.40** Night Heat (826034) **12.35am** Film: The Day of the Dolphin (790351) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1551023) **3.00** 60 Minutes (7958226) **3.55** Cue the Music (3439139) **4.30** Riviera (13314226) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2202394)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Material World

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Loud and Clear (855152) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8022893) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (183) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (763) **10.40** Laughing Gas '93 (621270) **11.10-12.00** The Equalizer (558096) **5.00-5.30am** Freescreen (27435)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Yan Can Cook (855152) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8022893) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (614763) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (763) **10.40** Film: The Challenge (57690980) **12.40am** American Gladiators (4023077) **1.30** Hollywood Report (83023) **2.00** Videofashion (74936) **2.30** Transworld Sport (98329) **3.30** Music Box (93874) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (56313)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Westcountry Focus (855152) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8022893) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (43560) **10.40** Film: Terror on Highway 91 (69663589) **12.35am** Film: The Day of the Dolphin (790351) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1551023) **3.00** 60 Minutes (7958226) **3.55** Cue the Music (3439139) **4.30** Riviera (13314226) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2202394)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Yan Can Cook (855152) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8022893) **5.55** Calendar (614763) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (763) **10.40** Film: The Challenge (57690980) **12.40am** American Gladiators (4023077) **1.30** Hollywood Report (83023) **2.00** Videofashion (74936) **2.30** Transworld Sport (98329) **3.30** Music Box (93874) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (56313)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (25725) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (32693) **9.30** Ysgolion (789251) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (24947) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (33183) **1.00** Little Rosey (28812) **1.30** A Different World (32454) **2.00** Back from the Blue (49418299) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (232305) **4.20** Medcap Magoo (1845522) **4.25** Slot 23 (7949251) **5.00** Fifteen to One (2560) **5.30** Brookside (812) **6.00** News (628102) **6.10** Hano (450636) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9096) **7.30** Anfeiliaid Anufrol (589) **8.00** Y Byd Ar Betws (8744) **8.30** News (767305) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (641763) **9.55** Film: Seize the Day (Robin Williams, Joseph Wiseman) (942522) **11.35** Our Backyard (396473) **12.05** The Jazz Package (8839665) **12.35am** Wise Men (2458690) **12.45** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46389947) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4386454) **9.10** Cartoons (6320299) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (88657) **10.00** Card Sharks (8899589) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2861196) **10.30** Concentration (57299) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (71893) **11.30** Falcon Crest (51657) **12.30pm** E Street (6251) **1.00** Another World (6494305) **1.45** Santa Barbara (814015) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (392676) **3.15** Different Strokes (695660) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (2780724) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7657) **6.00** Games World (4299) **6.30** E Street (8251) **7.00** Rescue (8386) **7.30** Family Ties (7763) **8.00** Hunter (13367) **9.00** LA Law (26831) **10.00** In Living Color (32980) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (65638) **11.30** Night Court (43857) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (45164) **8.30** News and Business Report (376098) **9.30** ABC Nightline (40251) **10.30** Fashion TV (31015) **11.30** International Business Report (59299) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (35831) **1.30** Good Morning America (36560) **2.30** Parliament Live (51096) **3.30** Parliament Live (60015) **4.30** News and Business Report (4676) **5.00** Live at Five (30893) **6.30** News and Business Report (69015) **7.30** Fashion TV (5305) **10.30** Nightline (56980) **11.30** ABC News (59589) **12.30am** Fashion TV (78232) **1.30** ABC News (65597) **2.30** Those Were The Days (77435) **3.30** ABC News (76752) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (72329) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (81042)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am *Showcase* (5765473)
10.00 Rock-a-Doodle (1991): Cartoon about a rocking rooster (93589)
12.00 They All Laughed (1981): Comedy about four private eyes (52305)
2.00pm Judith (1966): Holocaust survivor Sophia Loren seeks revenge (10270)
4.00 Back Home (1989). Evacuee Hayley Mills returns to England (2589)
6.00 Rock-a-Doodle (as 10am) (30034)
8.00 Victim of Love (1991): Psychiatrist JoBeth Williams discovers that boyfriend Pierce Brosnan is also dating Virginia Madsen, her most unstable patient (50021)
10.00 Steel Dawn (1987): Patrick Swayze protects Lisa Niemi (769386)
11.45 Nothing Underneath (1985): A man has a murder premonition (391454)
1.20am Killer Klowns from Outer Space (1988): Alien vampires masquerade as a circus troupe on earth (2695961)
2.45 Too Much Sun (1991): A gay brother and sister must become parents to gain their inheritance (820394)
4.25 Carry On Emmannuelle (1978): Ribald comedy starring Suzanne Danielle (3740023). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Dames (1934, b/w): Variety show starring Joan Blondell (98096)
8.00 The Big Heat (1953): Glenn Ford battles against police corruption (93541)
10.00 Bloodbrothers (1978): Drama about an Italian-American family of construction workers (571657). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Reign of Terror (1949, b/w): French Revolution adventure (22724)
8.00 Big Ideas: Australian environmental drama (37098)
10.00 Cast a Long Shadow (1959): Western starring Audie Murphy (84831)
12.00 Bandits of Corsica (1953): Richard Greene champions the cause of the righteous. With Raymond Burr (50947)
2.00pm A Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story (1991). Jill Clayburgh plays the late actress (18612)
4.00 Big Ideas (as 8am) (3831)
6.00 Driving Me Crazy (1991). Public schoolboy Ethan Randall is driven home by Ed O'Neill, his mother's boyfriend (38676)
8.00 LA Story (1991): Comedy starring Steve Martin and Victoria Tennant (50003)
10.00 The Monk (1991). Paul McGann is seduced by Sophie Ward (787928)
11.45 After Dark, My Sweet (1991). Jason Patric becomes embroiled in a kidnap plot. With Rachel Ward and Bruce Dern (894831)
1.35am May Wine (1990): A mother and daughter share the same man (4944455)
3.05 Beyond Therapy (1987): Comedy about New York singles and their psychiatrists. Starring Glenda Jackson (609495)
4.40 Mister Frost (1990): Serial killer Jeff Goldblum tries to persuade Alan Bates that he is the devil (2073597). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (96763) **7.00** Red Line (99560) **8.00** Boots 'n' All (67619) **9.00** Morning Stretch (18909) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (38251) **10.00** The Footballers' Football Show (93164) **11.00** German League Football (56744) **1.00pm** Tennis: Italian Open (1358589) **5.30** NHRA Drag Racing (9386) **6.00** Soccer News (590015) **6.03** Motor World (6298) **6.30** Indy 500 Practice (8021) **7.00** British Motorsport (55367) **8.00** US PGA Golf (88831) **10.00** Soccer News (626183) **10.03** Ringside (24909) **12.00** Indy 500 Practice (24771) **12.30-2.30am** Tennis: Italian Open (41787)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (22676) **8.00** Sportive Dancing (79096) **10.00** Table Tennis (11560) **11.00** Eurogoals (79116) **12.00** Sailing (46270) **1.00pm** Figure Skating (98247) **2.30** Eurofun (3198) **3.00** Wrestling (43034) **4.00** Athletics (22541) **5.00** Triathlon (4725) **6.00** Truck Racing (1367) **6.30** News (5947) **7.00** Basketball (23305) **9.00** Grand Prix Magazine (79947) **10.00** Football: European Cup Final (42305) **12.00-12.30am** News (26139)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35529893) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35557676) **6.30** Jem (1643947) **7.00** Flash Gordon (7926003) **7.30** Neighbours (4976788) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8190725) **8.30** EastEnders (8199096) **9.00** The Bill (8113676) **9.30** One by One (8525909) **10.30** Big Deal (4397706) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6498015) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8193812) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2061541) **1.00** EastEnders (8376544) **1.30** The Bill (2080812) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (4292725) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (4681034) **3.00** Dallas (6492831) **4.00** Dynasty (6488638) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4216305) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4652522) **6.00** Neighbours (4682763) **6.30** One by One (8870928) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (4679299) **8.00** EastEnders (4212589) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (4291096) **9.00** Big Deal (4998893) **10.00** The Bill (8194541) **10.30** Mornin' Sarge (8110589) **11.00** Kenny Everett (6489367) **11.30** Dr Who (1823183) **12.00** Film: Demobbed (1944, b/w) (3495431) **1.40-2.00am** Video Bites (50448771)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (16675) **7.00** RatKan II (71541) **9.00** Jack in the Box (61676) **11.00** Stories Without Words (60725) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (61454) **12.00** Secret Valley (93102) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (79522) **2.00** Stories Without Words (9812) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (8812) **3.00** Bobobobs (4018725) **3.25** RatKan II (98568893) **5.00** Kats and Dog (1544) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (9926) **6.00** Fame (99386)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: IT in the City **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Including Mendelssohn (Overture, Die schöne Melusine: Berne SO under Peter Maag); Haydn (Symphony No 67 in F: Hungarian CO under Vilmos Tatrai); Mozart (Rondo in D, K382: Mitsuko Uchida, piano; ECO under Jeffrey Tate); Goetz (Piano Trio in G minor, Op 1: Göbel Trio, Berlin)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Handel (Solomon: Overture, Act 1: Monteverdi Choir; English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: The writer and broadcaster Neil McCafferty reminisces
10.10 Midweek Choice: Susan Sharpe presents Scarlatti (Sonatas in F, K378 and 379: Scott Ross, harpsichord); Milhaud (L'homme et son désir: Utah SO under Maurice Abravanel); Fauré (Violin Sonata No 1 in A: Krysia Osostowicz, violin, Susan Tomes, piano); Montéclair (Cantata: Pan et Syrinx: American Baroque under Stephen Schultz); Chopin (Rondo in C minor, Op 1: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); Crusell (Clarinet Concerto No 1 in E flat: Emma Johnson; RPO under Günther Herbig)
12.00 Great Masters Restored (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Maggie Cole, harpsichord, plays Purcell (Ground in C minor, Z221); Louis Couperin (Passacaille in C); Hallgrimsson (Strönd); Soler (Sonata No 85 in F sharp minor; Sonata No 90 in F sharp); Ligeti (Hungarian Rock); Bach (English Suite No 2 in A minor, BWV 807)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.30 From Death to Life: See Choice
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Salisbury Cathedral, sung by the Boys and Layclerks of the cathedral choir
5.00 In Tune: Richard Baker with music, news and arts stories
7.30 Music in Europe: Ivan Hewett presents an evening exploring how music reflected 1968. Composers and musicians, including Henze, Pousseur, Rolf Gehlhaar, Betsy Jolas and Kurt Schwertsik give their views. Berio (Sinfonia, mvts 1 and 2: New Swingle Singers; French National Orchestra under Pierre Boulez); Pousseur (Couleurs croisées: Liège PO under Pierre Bartholomée); Berio (Sinfonia, mvt 3). **9.00** A performance by the Music Improvisation Company: Derek Bailey, guitar; Jamie Muir, percussion; Hugh Davies, electronics; Evan Parker, saxophone. **9.20** Stockhausen (Set Sail for the Sun, Aus den Sieben Tagen: Musique Vivante Ensemble); Nono (Non Consumiamo Marx for tape); Xenakis (Nuits: Groupe Vocale de France): Berio (Sinfonia, mvts 4 and 5)
10.45 Night Waves: With Lisa Jardine
11.30 Carmina Quartet — Matthias Enderle and Suzanne Frank, violins, Wendy Champney, viola, and Stephan Goerner, cello — performs Schubert (Quartettsatz in C minor, D703; String Quartet in G, D887)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: Featuring Spanish 14-16: Enrollate! (1 and 2)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and birthday guest Lucinda Lambton
10.00-10.30 Still Lives (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. A selection of poetry on nuns. Read by Brid Brennan and Alison Reid
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jackie Rowland reports from the refugee camps in the western Sahara. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Snods Edge Garden Club, Northumberland, put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sid Robertson. Chairman Clay Jones (r)
12.00 You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm The Age of Innocence, by Edith Wharton. Fifth of a six-part dramatisation by Christopher Reason **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Head Man: The penultimate episode of Jonathan Smith's four-part serial about the public and private concerns of Dr Patrick Balfour (Steve Hodson) the headmaster of an independent school in London
2.47 Treasure Islands: Judith Kerr celebrates her seventieth birthday with Michael Rosen (r)
3.00 News; The Fear of Living Dangerously: Brian Crawford on the young generation of violent lawbreakers (r)
3.42 The Parts, with Alun Lewis
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to Michael Tolkin about his novel, Among the Dead; reviews cinema releases, Indecent Proposal and Wild West; and discusses BBC1's Sylvania Waters
4.45 Short Story: Please, by Parina Stiakaki. Read by Souad Faress
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: First Round — Home Counties (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: A new series with John Waite investigating listeners' complaints against companies and bureaucracy
7.45 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare examines the treatment of psychiatric patients (r)
8.15 Greek as a Treat: What did the Ancient Greeks mean by democracy? (r)
8.45 In Business: Infomania. Peter Day reports on the communications explosion and how the world is getting wired, for sound, for pictures and for data
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Day Trips to the Desert, by Geoff Nicholson. Bill Nighy reads the third of five parts
11.00 Dear Diary: Simon Brett with diary extracts for May 7 (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Still Lives. *Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only).*
The underlying message in Harry Thompson's series is that, in life, little remains as it used to be. This truth is poignantly underscored in this morning's edition. One half of the Welsh couple Thompson talks to has since died. He is Myrddin Kemp. His widow, Moira, lives in the same house in Nant-y-moel, Mid Glamorgan, where she was born 74 years ago. Gone is their old school, replaced by flats. Gone are the valley's coal-mines. Gone the railway station and the memorial hall where they danced. Going are the chapels.

From Death to Life. *Radio 3, 3.30pm.*
Britten's *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*, played by I Musici de Montreal under Turovsky, is Britten's most popular orchestral work after the Sea Interludes from *Peter Grimes*. It is certainly the work that, when given its first performance by the Boyd Neel Orchestra at the Salzburg Festival in 1937, made Britten's name known internationally. But where can we hear the Bridge theme itself? Seek it out in the second of his three *Idylls for string quartet*, Op 6, and marvel at what Britten did with it. *Peter Davalle*

RADIO 1
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Lancashire stage stunning recovery

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Lancashire beat Surrey by six runs

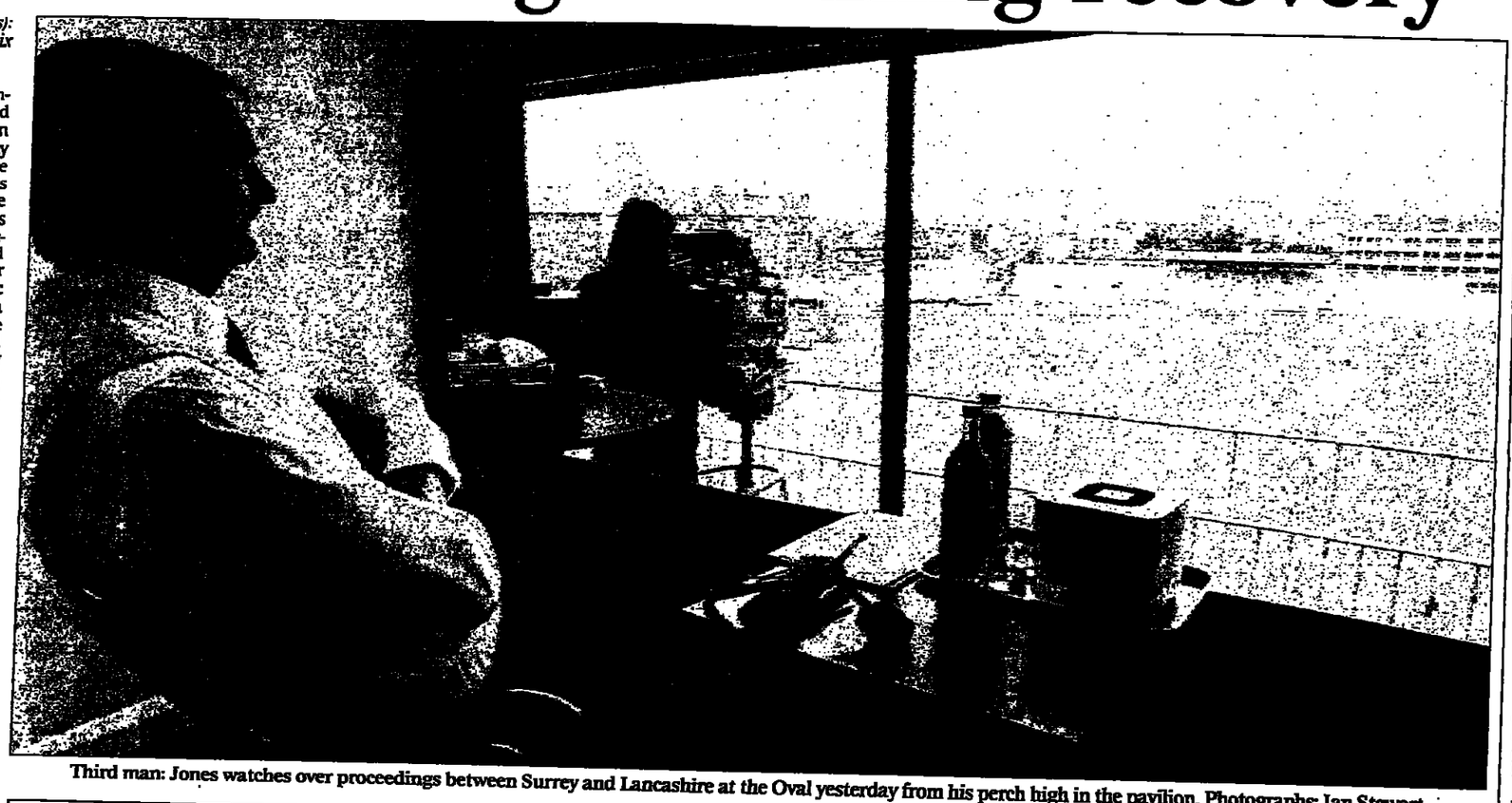
FROM looking all over winners with nine wickets in hand and needing 25 runs to win from nearly six overs, Surrey contrived to run out of time and to lose all nine wickets while only 18 runs were added. Lancashire thus brought off a remarkable victory in the Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday, after Graham Thorpe and Alec Stewart had put on 212, a record for Surrey, and Thorpe had made a century and Stewart 95. After his captaincy and a fine innings of 87, Neil Fairbrother won the gold award.

This was a riveting match that went to show that in this competition it is always too early to count your chickens. So easily were Stewart and Thorpe batting that almost to the very end there seemed no question of anything but a Surrey victory. Panic quickly took hold, however, and Lancashire seized their chance magnificently.

For much of the day, though, a fine match was almost submerged by subplots as the Oval simmered in the sun. There was the case of the blind third eye, or the experiment that proved inconclusive; there was the affair of the revolving advertisements that took the place of the sightscreen and a large section of seats; and there was the question of whether anyone would play themselves into the squad for the Texaco Trophy series against Australia.

Used only once, towards the end of Lancashire's innings, the employment of the third umpire for the first time in England did not prove an unqualified success. This was no fault of Allan Jones, sitting in his lonely eyrie on top of the Oval pavilion, eyes glued to the screen. Nor was it due to the falability of the BBC's TV camera perched above the Harleyford Road, sideways on to the wicket.

What happened was this: Wasim Akram, on 19, lofted a drive to Darren Bicknell at mid off who dropped the catch. Wasim set off. Darren Bicknell retrieved and threw in the ball that his brother, having gathered with some difficulty, used to throw down the wicket. All this had taken some time, but not so much that Wasim was home and dry. In fact, he struggled all the way, lost his bat after thrusting it ahead of him and



Third man: Jones watches over proceedings between Surrey and Lancashire at the Oval yesterday from his perch high in the pavilion. Photographs: Ian Stewart



Hairline decision: Wasim's bat, minus Wasim, reaches the crease, left, and Dudleston, the umpire, far right, seeks guidance on the run-out incident via walkie-talkie

umpire, Dudleston, produced his telephone and asked for a second opinion.

Unfortunately, no picture was available from any angle that contained the necessary ingredients of Wasim bat in hand, the popping crease, the ball and the wicket. Admitting he was eyeless at the Oval, if not in Gaza, third umpire Jones said: "There was no video available to me which enabled a decision."

Surrey accepted the situation manfully as they were bound to do, and out or not, Wasim went on to savage the Surrey attack to the tune of 19 more runs and helped Lancashire to achieve a total that gave them a fighting chance.

The chief architect of Lancashire's innings was, of course, Fairbrother. If there was any doubt as to his inclusion in the Texaco Trophy party, his innings yesterday should have dispelled it. He and the Oval go well together — his 366 against Surrey is the ground record here — and after coming close to being leg-before first ball, he showed what a brilliant limited over batsman he can be.

He came in after Lancashire had lost Atherton and Speak to Martin Bicknell for 34 and lost no time in changing the face of the game. His 87 came from only 91 balls, he hit three sixes and nine fours and had taken Lancashire to 164-5 before Lynch caught him brilliantly. Fairbrother apart, only Lloyd and Wasim had looked dominant, and on this pitch it was no surprise when Stewart, already a certainty for the Texaco and Thorpe, some way back in the queue, carried all before them.

There was absolutely no hint of anything but a Surrey victory before Wasim, Austin and Watkinson and a spate of run-outs struck them dead.

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Barnet fined £25,000 for pay breach

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BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE Football League yesterday fined Barnet £25,000 for failing to observe regulation on paying players. It warned the newly-promoted second division club that any future breaches would place their league membership in jeopardy.

The fine is the latest blow in a season of turbulence at Underhill, which has included the resignation of the chairman, Stan Flashman, and the manager, Barry Fry, and a series of financial problems.

At a hearing in London yesterday, a three-man commission found Barnet guilty of breaching regulation 63. It related to payments to Paul Showler, a winger, who combines professional football with his job as a policeman in Batley, Yorkshire. The league declined to clarify what the breach was.

It was also recommended that should any future commission find the club guilty of other breaches, it would "seriously consider Barnet FC's position within the Football League".

Barnet were fined £50,000 by the league in November for failing to keep proper records and for irregular payments to players. Until the club's new board was appointed on March 31, after Flashman's resignation, many of the players allegedly suffered shortfalls in their wages or their money was paid late.

The present Barnet board stated yesterday that the breach of league regulations occurred prior to its appointment. It also stressed that, since its appointment, the club "has and will continue to observe all Football League regulations. The club now looks forward to the future with confidence".

The new board is chaired by Robert Woolfson, a chartered accountant, who invited Malcolm Ozin, an estate agent, and Andrew Needleman, a solicitor, to join him.

As Barnet did not pay the £50,000 fine from November, the league is reducing the debt by not paying the club money from its central pool. It is made up of sponsorship and television money for the whole league and also bonuses such as the £5,000 Barnet earned by finishing third in the third division this season.



Clarke takes

Webb rejected for Chelsea post

BY KEITH PIKE

CHELSEA will advertise for their twelfth manager in the last 20 years after deciding yesterday not to offer the job to David Webb, their former defender, who took control on a temporary basis in February when Ian Porterfield was dismissed. Even though Chelsea won five and drew four of their 13 games under Webb's control, Ken Bates, the club chairman, has decided to look elsewhere.

Significantly, Bates said he did not expect an announcement to be made "for several weeks". Glenn Hoddle, the Swindon Town player-manager has been strongly linked with the post at Stamford Bridge, and Swindon are preparing to contest the first division play-offs, which conclude on May 31.

Chelsea were eleventh in the Premier League when Webb replaced Porterfield, and will finish in mid-table. "David halted the slide and also carried out an independent audit of the management and playing staff that has been both valuable and revealing to the board," Bates said.

As well as Hoddle, Gerry Francis — presently negotiating with Richard Thompson, the Queens Park Rangers chairman, about a extension to his contract as manager at Loftus Road — and Ray Wilkins, the former Chelsea midfield player, could also be candidates.

Also out of a job is Phil Holder, who was dismissed as the Brentford manager three days after the club was relegated to the Barclays League second division. Holder's assistant, Wilf Rostron, and the club's youth team manager, Joe Gadston, are going with him.

Holder, who took Brentford to the third division championship last season, saw his side fail to win 11 successive home games. "I could see it brewing, but it is still disappointing," Holder said. "I can hold my head up high and walk out of Brentford knowing I did a good job."

Martin O'Neill travelled to Nottingham yesterday for talks with Fred Reacher, the Nottingham Forest chairman, on the managerial vacancy created by Brian Clough's departure. O'Neill made it clear that he would not lightly give up his present job at Wycombe Wanderers after helping them achieve the double of GM Vauxhall Conference championship and FA Trophy.

"I wouldn't be making the journey if I wasn't interested, and I'm hoping that Mr Reacher would not waste his time if he didn't think I was a reasonably suitable candidate," O'Neill said. "But there are loads of things to consider."

Reacher said he had spoken to eight candidates before drawing up a shortlist of two. He confirmed O'Neill was one of those, but declined to name the other, believed to be Alan Buckley, the manager of Grimsby Town.

Nigel Clough, whose contract with Forest expires next month, is to discuss his future with Graham Taylor, the England manager, before making up his mind whether to remain at the City Ground.

Gascoigne misses US Cup matches

PAUL Gascoigne will miss England's three matches in the United States next month (Keith Pike writes). His club, Lazio, has refused to release him as it is planning a tour of Canada that clashes with the US Cup tournament.

However, Gascoigne — as well as England's two other Italy-based players, David Platt and Des Walker — will be available for the World Cup qualifying matches against Poland in Katowice on May 29 and Norway in Oslo on June 2.

Walker, of Sampdoria, and Platt, of Juventus, have also been given permission to join England in the United States for the games against the host country on June 9, Brazil on June 13 and Germany on June 19.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, said he was happy with the outcome of negotiations with the three clubs since announcing his 25-man squad for the five matches last week. "We enjoy excellent relations with the Italian clubs and I never really thought there would be a situation that we could not resolve," he said.

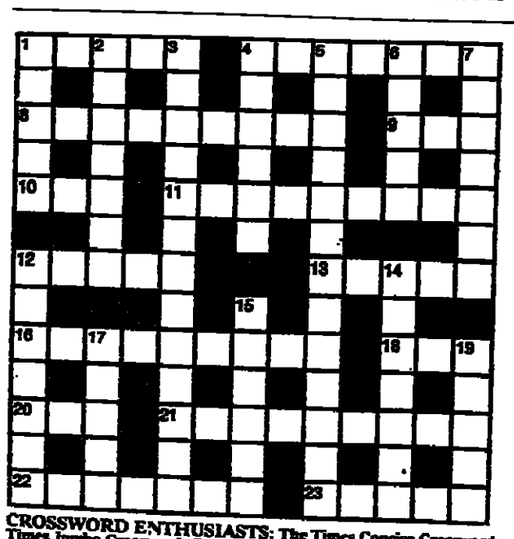
Gascoigne, though, is such a vital member of the team that his absence from the US Cup fixtures is bound to unsettle Taylor's preparations for the remainder of the group two qualifying campaign — assuming England are still in contention for a place in the finals — that resumes on September 8 with a match against Poland at Wembley. Taylor has not yet decided whether to summon a replacement for Gascoigne.

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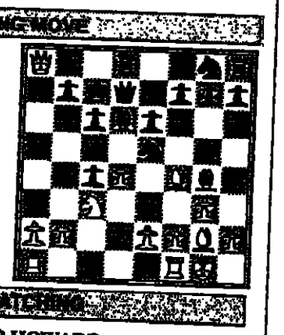
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Kumaran — Miles, Dublin 1993. With his next move, white initiated a sequence which lured the black king to its doom. What did he play?

Solution on page 36



WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SLANG

HARRY TATE
a. To arrive late
b. Incompetent
c. A police informer

BORAK
a. Marijuana
b. A mate or chum
c. Nonsense, banter

SMELLER
a. A heavy fall
b. A sniffer dog
c. A worthless fellow

SYSOP
a. A computer expert
b. A feeble person
c. A sponger or cadger

Answers on page 36

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